



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

LOS ANGELES REGIONAL
INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM AUTHORITY

March 3, 2016
The Hertzberg Davis Forensic Science Center
1800 Paseo Rancho Castilla, Conference Room 263
Los Angeles, CA 90032

Board Members Present:

Cathy Chidester, Director, EMS Agency, County of Los Angeles Department of Health Services
Bill Walker, Fire Chief, City of Alhambra Fire Dept.
Larry Giannone, Chief of Police, City of Sierra Madre Police Dept.
Mark R. Alexander, City Manager, CA Contract Cities Assoc.
Mark Fronterotta, Chief of Police, City of Inglewood Police Dept.

Alternates For Board Members Present:

Dean Gialamas, Division Dir., alternate for Jim McDonnell, Chair, Sheriff, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Dept.
Chris Bundesen, Vice-Chair, Asst., Fire Chief, County of Los Angeles Fire Dept.
John Geiger, General Manager, alternate for Sachi Hamai, CEO, County of Los Angeles
Chris Nunley, Captain, City of Signal Hill Police Dept.

Officers Present:

Patrick Mallon, LA-RICS Executive Director

Absent:

Kim Raney, Chief of Police, City of Covina Police Dept.



I. CALL TO ORDER

Director Dean Gialamas called the meeting of the Board to order. Director Gialamas welcomed Chief of Police, Mark Fronterotta, City of Inglewood Police Department and Captain, Chris Nunley, City of Signal Hill Police Department.

II. ANNOUNCE QUORUM – Roll Call

Director Gialamas acknowledged that a quorum was present and asked for a roll call.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (A)

A. February 4, 2016 – Regular Meeting Minutes

Director Gialamas asked for a motion to approve, Board Member Larry Giannone motioned first, seconded by Alternate Board Member John Geiger. The Board's consensus was unanimous.

Ayes 9: Chidester, Walker, Giannone, Alexander, Fronterotta, Gialamas, Bundesen, Geiger, and Nunley.

MOTION APPROVED.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS – (None)

V. CONSENT CALENDAR – (None)

VI. REPORTS (B-C)

B. Director's Report – Pat Mallon

Long Term Evolution (LTE) Project Status

Executive Director Pat Mallon reported that the project is continuing dialog with NTIA to clarify a path forward on any work that can expand the PSBN system in Phase II. Staff completed an action plan, similar to what was submitted as a Corrective Action Plan, to show what is planned for the next phase of LTE deployment. This includes all anticipated costs, time frames and what areas where improved coverage is expected. The proposed Phase II deployment in 56 "Search Rings" which are based on the coverage maps received from Motorola. Staff is examining areas where both mobile and outdoor portable devices may benefit from improved coverage. The Phase II plan is expected to be delivered to NTIA before the end of this week.



LTE Construction Status

As previously reported the project has completed construction at 63 fixed sites. The punch list process is ongoing with deficiencies being scheduled for correction. 14 of the Cell on Wheels (COWS) are in place with: 2 at County of LA Water Works sites which are up and running; 1 at the Sheriff's STAR Center, also up and running; and 1 at the CHP station in Woodland Hills that is up and pending backhaul. With reference to the 10 at SCE sites, the COWs have been deployed and power and backhaul installation are pending. One huge step forward occurred late last week with the completion of services agreements with SCE. That the agreement has been signed and we are moving forward with activation of the sites. The last of the 15 COWS will be used as a Deployable and available for response as needed. This equipment will require some modification to become truly deployable as the initial plan for the equipment was for a longer term deployment.

Testing and optimization

Cluster tuning will be conducted on a total of 8 clusters in the system with an estimated completion date of March 12, 2016. To date, data collection for this effort has been completed for all clusters. Tuning has been completed on 4 clusters. The remainder of the tuning should be complete within 3 weeks. The results of that data collection will also serve as confirmation of the basis of system improvements under LTE Phase II. One item of note is a decision by the Technical Team to forego coverage testing on a grid by grid basis. The value of the testing has been significantly undermined with the significant loss of sites and no ability to require enhancement of the system as part of the original contract. A significant savings in grant dollars will also result allowing for further enhancement of the system under Phase II.

Radio Frequency Emissions testing has commenced and is estimated to be completed by the end of the month. 13 Sites have been identified where more extensive testing has been requested. This will include emissions readings with the LA-RICS towers turned completely off, and operating at both 25% and 100% peak power. These include all fire stations sites, and those with residential property in close proximity such as LAPD Pacific and North Hollywood Divisions. You may recall there was concern voiced by residents and we committed to providing actual test data when complete.

Board Member Alexander asked if it is possible to develop a coverage map that shows county-wide coverage for each site. Executive Director Mallon stated yes, we have the coverage map today. Board Member Alexander asked does the coverage map show the holes and Executive Director Mallon stated yes. Director Gialamas added there was an UASI discussion about interoperability this week and one of the partner agencies in the UASI group ask for something very similar of the LTE and LMR systems. Director Gialamas stated LA-RICS staff is working on providing coverage maps/redesign for LTE and LMR for UASI and the Board. Board Member



Alexander asked is there a similar coverage map for LMR system. Executive Director Mallon stated the redesign is being working on by Motorola due to the reduction of members; we do not have those coverage maps today but is expected to be completed by the end of March.

Training

Training classes are ongoing for system maintenance and personnel from the County Internal Services Department have been participating.

Special Media Faire

We have been working on scheduling a special media faire to demonstrate the LTE systems capabilities to the press and dignitaries. We would also like to use the opportunity to invite police, fire and emergency medical providers to see what the LTE system can do for them. We have been in contact with the MTA, who are also interested in the LA-RICS systems, and they have indicated their willingness to host the event at their District Facility at Vignes and Cesar Chavez in downtown Los Angeles. Further information to follow once a date has been secured.

LMR Environmental Status

The draft Programmatic Environmental Assessment and Biological Report was submitted to FEMA on February 19, 2016. We are hopeful of completing the NEPA process in early April 2016. We are concurrently conducting outreach to federal agencies on whose land we are proposing LMR installations. The California Environmental Impact Report (CEQA) Draft EIR was released for public comment in early January. Outreach meetings have been conducted and will be discussed in the Outreach Report. The Public Comment period concluded Feb 25, 2016. We received a total of 70 comments, 54 coming from residents of a Home Owners Association in Signal Hill who are objecting to the possibility that that site could be extended up from 160' to 180' feet. This site may also encounter difficulties with any extension in height by the FAA as it is directly in the landing pattern of Long Beach Airport. Responses to the comments received are being drafted now. We anticipate that the final EIR will be completed and ready for your consideration at a "Special" Board Meeting, possibly March 17, 2016.

LMR Contract Status

As previously reported, Motorola has undertaken a rework of the LMR design for what we anticipate will be an approximate 50 site network. That redesign should be completed by the end of the month. Intermediate reviews of that effort are ongoing. Site design walks are ongoing, with site sketches nearly complete. 50% drawings for all sites intended to be built with UASI '11 funds have been reviewed and have been returned to Motorola. 75% Construction Drawings are expected within 2 weeks. Site Access Agreements for all UASI '11 sites are being pushed forward. 2 Agreements will be presented to the County Board of Supervisors in two weeks, and



the language on 3 sites at court houses has been finalized and we hope to bring those agreements for your consideration at the suggested Special Meeting.

C. Project Manager's Report – Pat Mallon

The Jacobs Project Management Report and Motorola Monthly Report are included in your package as Agenda Item C.

VII. DISCUSSION ITEMS (D)

D. Outreach Update

The purpose of this discussion item is to update your Board on the status of outreach pertaining to the Land Mobile Radio (LMR) project.

Stakeholder outreach continues to involve planning and initiation of stakeholder meetings, and the continued development and distribution of the bi-monthly ongoing communications newsletter. Support for the LMR Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) public hearing period was completed on February 16, 2015, with the final meeting being held at the Catalina Island Country Club. No member of the public attended the Catalina Island meeting.

Executive Director Mallon stated outreach communication presentations were held with Orange County Supervisor Shawn Nelson (District 4) on February 10, 2016, City of Avalon City Council on February 16, 2016, Signal Hill Homeowners Association on February 17, 2016, and Agoura Hills Homeowners Association on February 18, 2016. Board Member Alexander asked how the meeting went with Avalon. Executive Director Mallon stated the meeting went well. One person attended their meeting, the Fire Chief from the City of Avalon. City of Avalon Council had questions about funding.

**CLOSED SESSION TAKEN OUT OF ORDER AT 9:21 A.M., AND
RETURNED AT 9:42 A.M.**

VIII. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS (E-F)

E. AMENDMENT NO. 2 FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT

It is recommended that your Board:

Approve Amendment No. 2 to the Professional Services contract with O'Meallain, substantially similar in form to Enclosure.



Director Gialamas asked for a motion to approve, Board Member Mark Alexander motioned first, seconded by Board Member Mark Fronterotta. The Board's consensus was unanimous.

Ayes 9: Chidester, Walker, Giannone, Alexander, Fronterotta, Gialamas, Bundesen, Geiger, and Nunley.

MOTION APPROVED.

Director Gialamas thanked Executive Director Mallon for his leadership to LA-RICS over the last couple of years, and stated that he wanted to publicly commend Executive Director Mallon for all the work and effort he has done for LA-RICS to date. Board Member Alexander also added that Executive Director Mallon has been very responsive to our concerns in regards to the project, and thanked Executive Director Mallon for his assistance to the Contract Cities; really appreciates his efforts. Alternate Member Geiger stated one day with LA-RICS is like one week in County time. Executive Director Mallon's service has been ongoing, dedicated, and we certainly appreciate and look forward to working with you. Director Gialamas thanked Executive Director Mallon for staying with the project, and stated that his leadership was a huge key to the success of the project.

F. PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH RADELEFF CONSULTING, INC.

Approve the Professional Services Contract with Radeleff Consulting, Inc., substantially similar in form to Enclosure.

Director Gialamas asked for a motion to approve, Board Member Larry Giannone motioned first, seconded by Board Member Chris Bundesen. The Board's consensus was unanimous.

Ayes 9: Chidester, Walker, Giannone, Alexander, Fronterotta, Gialamas, Bundesen, Geiger, and Nunley.

MOTION APPROVED.

IX. MISCELLANEOUS – (None)

X. ITEMS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION BY THE BOARD

XI. CLOSED SESSION REPORT

1. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION
(Government Code Section 54957(b)(1))
Title: Executive Director



3. PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT
(Government Code Section 54957(b)(1))
Title: Executive Director

4. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS
(Government Code Section 54957.6)

The Board entered Closed Session at 9:21 a.m., and returned to open session at 9:42 a.m.; Counsel Truc Moore stated that the Brown Act does not require a report.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT and NEXT MEETING:

Director Gialamas announced adjournment of this meeting at 9:47 a.m. The Board's consensus was unanimous. The next Board meeting will take place on Thursday, April 7, 2016, at 9:00 a.m., at the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, Hertzberg Davis Forensic Science Center, 1800 Paseo Rancho Castilla, Los Angeles, CA 90032.



BOARD MEETING INFORMATION

Members of the public are invited to address the LA-RICS Authority Board on any item on the agenda prior to action by the Board on that specific item. Members of the public may also address the Board on any matter within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board. The Board will entertain such comments during the Public Comment period. Public Comment will be limited to three (3) minutes per individual for each item addressed, unless there are more than ten (10) comment cards for each item, in which case the Public Comment will be limited to one (1) minute per individual. The aforementioned limitation may be waived by the Board's Chair.

(NOTE: Pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.3(b) the legislative body of a local agency may adopt reasonable regulations, including, but not limited to, regulations limiting the total amount of time allocated for public testimony on particular issues and for each individual speaker.)

Members of the public who wish to address the Board are urged to complete a Speaker Card and submit it to the Board Secretary prior to commencement of the public meeting. The cards are available in the meeting room. However, should a member of the public feel the need to address a matter while the meeting is in progress, a card may be submitted to the Board Secretary prior to final consideration of the matter.

It is requested that individuals who require the services of a translator contact the Board Secretary no later than the day preceding the meeting. Whenever possible, a translator will be provided. Sign language interpreters, assistive listening devices, or other auxiliary aids and/or services may be provided upon request. To ensure availability, you are advised to make your request at least 72 hours prior to the meeting you wish to attend. (323) 881-8291 or (323) 881-8295

SI REQUIERE SERVICIOS DE TRADUCCION, FAVOR DE NOTIFICAR LA OFICINA CON 72 HORAS POR ANTICIPADO.

The meeting is recorded, and the recording is kept for 30 days.