



BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

LOS ANGELES REGIONAL
INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM AUTHORITY

Thursday, August 1, 2024, - 9:00 a.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Richard Tadeo, Director, EMS Agency

Scott Weise, Police Chief (Monterey Park), Los Angeles County Police Chief's Association

Joshua Nelson, City Manager (City of Industry), California Contract Cities Association

David Povero, Police Chief, City of Covina Police Department

Chris Nigg, Fire Chief, City of La Verne Fire Department

ALTERNATES FOR BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Leslie Luke, Deputy Director, Office of Emergency Management

Michael Inman, Deputy Fire Chief, County of Los Angeles Fire Department

Chief Brian Yanagi, Chief, County of Los Angeles Sherriff's Department

Cardell Hurt, Captain, City of Inglewood Police Department

OFFICERS PRESENT

Scott Edson, LA-RICS Executive Director

Beatriz Cojulun, LA-RICS, Board Secretary

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT / VACANT

Chief Vincent Capelle, Fire Chief (West Covina), Los Angeles Area Fire Chief's Association



NOTE: ACTION MAY BE TAKEN ON ANY ITEM IDENTIFIED ON THE AGENDA

I. CALL TO ORDER

Alternate Board Chair Brian Yanagi welcomed attendees and called the August 1, 2024, Regular Board meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

II. ANNOUNCE QUORUM – ROLL CALL

LA-RICS Team Member Marissa Bosque took the roll and acknowledged a quorum was present.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – (A)

A. June 6, 2024 – Regular Minutes

Agenda Item A

Alternate Board Chair Chief Brian Yanagi asked the Board if there were any comments or corrections to the Regular Meeting Minutes for June 6, 2024. There were no questions or corrections, therefore, he asked for a motion to approve the minutes.

Board Member Chris Nigg motioned first, seconded by Board Member Scott Wiese

AYES (9): Luke, Inman, Yanagi, Tadeo, Wiese, Nelson, Povero, Hurt, and Nigg.

MOTION APPROVED.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS –

Scott Montez, a Motorola Solutions Inc.'s (MSI) team member, introduced himself as the new MSI System Manager for LA-RICS, recently retired from law enforcement.

V. CONSENT CALENDAR – NONE

There were no reports on the Regular Meeting Agenda.

VI. REPORTS (B – E)

B. Director's Report – Scott Edson



Executive Director Scott Edson greeted the Board and reported the Land Mobile Radio (LMR) network experienced a relatively smooth operation during June 2024 and July 2024. Executive Director Edson further reported there were no major outages or security issues that affected end user operations. Executive Director Edson went on to say the Fourth of July Independence Day holiday in the region had minimal impact on network performance, although an increase in radio transmissions were observed during the evening hours for both legal and illegal fireworks that were used to celebrate the holiday. Executive Director Edson mentioned despite this, there were no significant disruptions or busy signals. Executive Director Edson stated, as mentioned in previous Board reports, the issue with site IDs required by MSI's Network Operations Center (NOC) for properly opening incidents for door alarm tickets was partially resolved, however, some sites and subsystems still lacked proper site IDs. Executive Director Edson said MSI has been dedicated to resolving this issue and would continue to work diligently with LA-RICS and with their internal team on this matter. Executive Director Edson mentioned that as discussed in the June 2024 meeting, ongoing power issues at sites Burnt Peak (BUR1) and Green Mountain (GRM) continued to pose as challenges. Executive Director Edson went on to say that as these sites were in remote areas with limited cell phone coverage, which made it challenging for power restoration work and hindered the ability to communicate with contractors and personnel when doing onsite repairs. Executive Director Edson mentioned there was a path forward in the installation of a new pole at GRM and anticipated the site to have power by the end of the year. Executive Director Edson further mentioned Southern California Edison (SCE) was moving forward with their solar site at BUR1, and LA-RICS was preparing for power connection to the solar site by the end of January 2025.

Executive Director Edson reported over the past two (2) months, LA-RICS staff was working with MSI on contract amendments for various contractual tasks, most noticeably the one (1) year Maintenance and System Upgrade Agreement as both agreements were crucial for maintaining the LMR System operation and the Warranty Period which ends in November 2024. Executive Director Edson further reported the one (1) year Maintenance Agreement with MSI would ensure service personnel were available to troubleshoot and restore in-field LMR components of the radio and site infrastructure. Executive Director Edson went on to say this contract included ongoing preventative maintenance for each system. Executive Director Edson shared the System Upgrade Agreement covered selected upgrades to the LMR system through a multi-year agreement ensuring the LMR software and certain hardware remained compliant with manufacturers to support the life cycle. Executive Director Edson expressed this agreement would cover the first six (6) years of operation, and the LA-RICS staff would prepare the final contract amendments during the month of August 2024 for the Board meeting in September 2024.



Executive Director Edson stated, additionally, LA-RICS continues to hold services and maintenance meetings with other providers, for example, the County of Los Angeles (County) Internal Services Department (ISD) to ensure all operations and maintenance needs are accounted for, and LA-RICS receives the best service at the best price.

Regarding budget and fiscal matters, Executive Director Edson reported as LA-RICS proceeded through the twelve (12) month Warranty Period, onboarded users and work with the region towards Interoperability, LA-RICS was proceeding in accordance with the Adopted Budget, expending funds in accordance with the budget and the grantor-approved spending plan, as well as reporting to the Board on uses of certain special accounts and delegations. Executive Director Edson referenced Agenda Item "H" which provides a report on quarterly use of the remaining AT&T Business Agreement funds, predominantly used to pay for counsel expenses tied to the Public Safety Broadband Network (PSBN) program. Executive Director Edson went on to say, Agenda Item "I" provides the Board with a report on the Governmental Services uses, which were for those operations and maintenance services that were either not included in the MSI Warranty Period Agreement, or services MSI was declining to provide.

Executive Director Edson shared since November 2023, LA-RICS was working with a different MSI team, the Services Team, who are much more open to a true public safety partnership. Executive Director Edson further shared the two (2) parties did not agree on everything, however, mutual agreement was often reached after discussions.

Executive Director Edson stated, regarding grants, members of the LA-RICS team were invited to attend the National Homeland Security Conference (NHSC) in Miami, Florida, which was paid for by grant funds from the City of Los Angeles (City) Mayor's Office. Executive Director Edson further stated the conference included informative sessions relating to grants initiatives, regional priorities, as well as grants and contract educational tracks. Executive Director Edson went on to say members of the team participated in a panel sharing best practices and lessons learned while navigating grant-funded deployment of capital projects.

Executive Director Edson expressed, of great importance to LA-RICS was participation in the World Cup Soccer discussion that was held during the conference. Executive Director Edson further expressed, with many lessons learned from the Copa America game in Miami, Florida, the LA-RICS team aggressively pursuing a seat at the collaborative meeting. Executive Director Edson shared the LA-RICS team served as the leader, along with the Ad Hoc Committee, on Interoperability for LA-RICS' Technical and Operations Committees as well as the Urban Areas Security Initiative's (UASI) Interoperable Communications Working Group, by assisting agencies in the region, drafting, and publishing for regional policies and procedures as well as pushing for programming



of shared IDs. Executive Director Edson further shared LA-RICS worked on establishing workarounds for systems that were islands or essentially solo systems and not yet completed in their deployment, to ensure regional Interoperability for planned and emergent events. Executive Director Edson went on to say, unfortunately, despite LA-RICS leadership and expressed request to be included in the regional collaboration discussions, LA-RICS was turned away from the World Cup collaboration meeting in Miami, with the City Mayor's Office citing limited seat availability. Executive Director Edson stated he met with the City Deputy Mayor Brian Williams this week and urged the importance of transparency, collaboration, and equitable funding, in order to ensure the region provided its constituents and grantor with what they paid for, which was Interoperable communications in the region. Executive Director Edson requested Board Members advocate for transparency and inclusion when it comes to these planning and collaboration meetings as participation and involvement have been key to ensure success. Executive Director Edson also requested for association representatives to speak with their leadership and assist LA-RICS with Interoperability connections and shared IDs. Executive Director Edson mentioned time was running out to make these connections, approve Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) and training before the World Cup event is here.

Regarding contracts, Executive Director Edson reiterated LA-RICS has a P25 system with some proprietary features built by MSI, and as the system was being built, there were certain subsystems, parts, components, and the like, that keep the system running. Executive Director Edson reported, as LA-RICS moves through the Warranty Phase and into the first year of maintenance, there were certain features, software, equipment that either required an upgrade or an expansion to maintain optimal system operation and monitoring. Executive Director Edson further reported he was seeking the Board's permission to enter Sole Source negotiations for data management software enhancement and upgrade under Agenda Item "K". Executive Director Edson went on to say this was another example of an existing service LA-RICS received from Gencore, which now required an upgrade that could be more efficiently and cost-effectively negotiated, as it would be directly negotiated by the Authority rather than going through MSI and their corresponding markups. Executive Director Edson stated Sole Source was necessary, as GenCore was the provider of LA-RICS' current GenWatch3 data management platform, and LA-RICS sought enhancements to this existing solution. Executive Director Edson reiterated LA-RICS contracts and legal team together with LA-RICS Operational and Technical teams were always looking for the most competitive and cost-efficient solutions for the ongoing operations and maintenance of the system, with Sole Source requests coming to the Board as they are an expansion of an existing solutions platform and equipment that already form part of the LMR network. Executive Director Edson mentioned he would cover additional details relating to this request under Agenda Item "K".



Executive Director Edson stated LA-RICS expected the UASI Approval Authority (AA) to meet soon, and he reminded Board Members to work with their respective UASI AA Associations, city partnerships, and leadership, to ensure LA-RICS received an equitable amount of 2025 UASI funds for operations and maintenance funding. Executive Director Edson further stated there was no system that could do what LA-RICS could do in the region for World Cup, Super Bowl, and the Olympics, let alone daily emergencies and disasters. Executive Director Edson expressed the region needs to fulfill its obligations to the state and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and, of course, the citizens, and become fully interoperable.

This concluded the report on Agenda Item B by Executive Director Edson. There was no further discussion.

C. Project Manager's Report – Brian Smyth

Program Director Brian Smyth greeted the Board and presented Agenda Item C.

Program Director Smyth reported progress negotiating site security upgrades with DPS Security Services, to provide security equipment such as cameras and door access controls at LMR sites. Program Director Smyth further reported design review meetings generated some changes as to camera types and functions, and site-specific camera location drawings would be issued for a specific count and location of cameras by type. Program Director Smyth went on to say the anticipated approval of the proposal was August 31, 2024, with a Notice to Proceed (NTP) and Board approval by September 2024. Regarding utility power at site GRM, Program Director Smyth shared there was a possibility LA-RICS could obtain their own Right of Entry (ROE) permit within three (3) weeks, and accordingly, the contractor was aware they needed to remobilize and commence work upon receipt of the ROE. Program Director Smyth further shared the anticipated completion of LA-RICS' scope was September 30, 2024, and power would be available after the City of Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) installed a new pole and pulled cable to the LA-RICS' shelter. Regarding utility power at site BUR1, Program Director Smyth stated the power application was resubmitted, and LA-RICS planned to have a contractor onboard in October 2024, with power available by the end of 2024.

Program Director Smyth shared the access road to site Pine Mountain (PMT) was repaired by the United States Forest Service (USFS), and the road to site Whitaker Middle Peak (WMP) remained in design due to budget issues. Program Director Smyth further shared the County of Los Angeles Sheriff's Department (LASD) provided ATVs to transport vendors to the site for Preventative Maintenance work.



Program Director Smyth reported, because of the felony burglary incident at site Baldwin Hills (BHS), LA-RICS was replacing the cores on sites that were of security concern and, in the future, LA-RICS would have programmable systems, card access, and keys that would not be as readily available, as they would only be used for power outages and first responders. Program Director Smyth further reported migration at site Castro Peak (CPK) was ongoing; the Invitation for Bid (IFB) for tower demolition was in process; the Special Use Permit was received; the bid submission date was August 19, 2024, and the target date for contract execution was September 5, 2024.

Program Director Smyth shared images of damaged microwave dish covers at sites CPK and Los Angeles Department of Water and Power 243 (LDWP243). Program Director Smyth reported a pest control company was dispatched to site CPK to investigate conditions and recommend mitigation measures, and the pest control company addressed a minor issue with bees and speculated dish cover damage was caused by birds seeing a nesting place. Program Director Smyth further reported MSI would visit the site to assess damage and recommend repairs accordingly.

This concluded the report on Agenda Item C by Project Director Smyth. There was no further discussion.

D. Joint Operations and Technical Committee Chair's Report – Operations Lead Lieutenant Robert Weber

Operations Lead Lt. Robert Weber greeted the Board and presented Agenda Item D.

Operations Lead Lt. Weber shared the Joint Operations and Technical Committees meeting was held on June 18, 2024, chaired by Operations Lead Lt. Weber; having quorum present; the Minutes were approved; the Joint Committee received an update on the LMR system by Project Director Smyth; and discussed regional Interoperability and progress regarding interoperability with shared IDs and the Inter Subsystem Interface (ISSI).

Operations Lead Lt. Weber stated Technical Lead Ted Pao provided the Committee with an update on the LMR Network Operations Status and Issues, similar to what he would present to the Board. Operations Lead Lt. Weber provided an update on the Ad Hoc Committee and stated a draft SOP was under review by Joint Committee Members. Operations Lead Lt. Weber shared the final report was a radio demonstration with the City of Monterey Park Police Department, as they were the first agency to onboard to the LA-RICS system with shared IDs. Operations Lead Lt. Weber further shared a test was conducted with those shared IDs and thanked the City of Monterey Park Police Department for their assistance, and he hoped to have more agencies onboarded soon. Operations Lead Lt. Weber



mentioned the next Joint Committee meeting has been scheduled for August 20, 2024.

Board Member Wiese inquired if the Interagency Communications Interoperability (ICI) System was cooperating, and if Inglewood Police Department (IGPD) was not already onboard with ICI, they should, as it would be a great way to see an LA-RICS user completely up and running on ICI. Operations Lead Lt. Weber expressed ICI had been very cooperative and working with LA-RICS. Operations Lead Lt. Weber stated there were some hurdles to overcome between LASD and ICI such as encryption and how records of issued IDs would be kept. Operations Lead Lt. Weber further stated ICI has been working with LA-RICS, as well as having a few agencies such as the City of Torrance Police Department (PD), which would be onboarding soon. Operations Lead Lt. Weber went on to say he hoped IGPD and the South Bay agencies to onboard, all the ICI agencies for that matter, as there are specific concerns due to events scheduled at SoFi Stadium as well as ongoing events. Operations Lead Lt. Weber expressed he hoped to meet with Board Member Wiese, IGPD, as well as with the Police Chiefs from the South Bay associations to assist in moving forward as it came down to getting resources together. Operations Lead Lt. Weber further expressed the City of Torrance PD was able to connect to LA-RICS, with assistance from the Emergency Operations Bureau (EOB) during the Hermosa Beach Fourth of July operations and celebrations.

Board Member Wiese stated EOB is beginning to roll out the Mutual Aid groups training again, and EOB contacted "Area C" which had their first meeting. Board Member Wiese further stated that one of items that was brought up was a communications plan and shared frequencies for the "Area C-Wide" training that was to take place at the Rose Bowl in September. Board Member Wiese expressed that this was a good opportunity to involve EOB with LA-RICS. Operations Lead Lt. Weber mentioned he met with the EOB Captain earlier in the month to discuss these topics, and LA-RICS was working directly with EOB and Mutual Aid regions. Operations Lead Lt. Weber further mentioned LA-RICS staff attended a meeting with Mutual Aid leaders and discussed and asked for a communications coordinator or two (2) from each of the Mutual Aid regions. Operations Lead Lt. Weber went on to say there were a few volunteers thus far, however, more were needed, and EOB was onboard with this. Operations Lead Lt. Weber emphasized the need for support from the Chiefs to push this issue forward as this involves some costs for programming radios.

Executive Director Edson requested Board Member Wiese take back to the Los Angeles County Police Chiefs' Association (LACPCA) at the next UASI AA meeting, that if funding is an issue the agencies should be asking for some UASI funds to go towards programming radios.



Board Member Nigg inquired if the ICI system was accessible via LA-RICS. Operations Lead Lt. Weber clarified there are two (2) different systems, LACoFD is primarily on the Analog Conventional Voice Radio Subsystem (ACVRS) on the LA-RICS portion of the system, which those would be accessible once radios are programmed correctly, which he then offered to verify with Chief Nigg's staff. Operations Lead Lt. Weber expressed that if it is on the trunked side, the regionals operate via the ISSI connection, recommending the agencies should verify the connection is programmed. Operations Lead Lt. Weber mentioned that LACoFD has always been more advanced in Interoperability. Operation Lead Lt. Weber offered to look and confirm if there was connectivity, as well as sharing IDs. Alternate Board Member Inman stated shared IDs were already integrated in the compound / communications plan at Verdugo's Fire Communications Center. Board Member Nigg confirmed with Alternate Board Member Inman that City of La Verne Fire Department was able to connect with the Verdugo Fire Communications Center regarding a recent fire event in Arcadia.

Executive Director Edson took the opportunity to remind the group he had requested Board Member Capelle push the Los Angeles Area Fire Chief's Association (LAAFCA) to include those regional channels and digital Talkgroups connected to ICI, so there if there is an opportunity where the agency's communications plan does not cover it, ICI, Verdugo Fire Communications Center, and all fire agencies have the regional Talkgroups in their fire radios, and law enforcement would have their own regional Talkgroups in their law enforcement radios. Executive Director Edson mentioned thirty-two (32) channels would be available in the region for various business purposes. Operations Lead Lt. Weber mentioned that if anyone needed radio testing, he would be able to get together with the Authority's Battalion Chief, Todd Denerson, and see if any additional testing can be provided.

Operations Lead Lt. Weber mentioned LA-RICS had a new Battalion Chief who could assist with additional testing.

This concluded the report on Agenda Item D by Operations Lead Lt. Weber.

E. Finance Committee Chair's Report – None

VII. DISCUSSION ITEMS (F – J)

F. Land Mobile Radio Network Operations Status and Issues – Ted Pao

Technical Lead Ted Pao greeted the Board and presented Agenda Item F.

Technical Lead Pao reported the network operated without major incidents in June and July 2024, including during the Fourth of July celebrations. Technical Lead



Pao further reported an increase in LACoFD Talkgroup activities was observed, and he would share the network operations statistics in his report.

Technical Lead Pao expressed of a rise in interference activities in June and July 2024, and despite LA-RICS' efforts to locate the interference sources, the intermittent nature of the interference and the availability of resources made it challenging. Technical Lead Pao further expressed in July, a technician successfully traced one interference source to a film/commercial production crew that was using a wireless microphone system at a car dealership. Technical Lead Pao went on to say the issue of microphone interference was on LA-RICS' radar from the beginning, as professional sound system manufacturers and operators relied on the TV spectrum to operate these systems which were commonly found at concert venues, TV events, and film productions. Technical Lead Pao mentioned these events were often short term, occurring during the night or on weekends, which made it difficult to dispatch resources for interference hunting.

Technical Lead Pao stated, to address this issue, LA-RICS have been engaging with vendors who could provide technical solutions to quickly identify, locate, and log interference signals continuously, reducing the need for constant monitoring by technical personnel. Technical Lead Pao further stated LA-RICS would conduct proof-of-concept tests with these vendors and would provide a report to the Board on whether this was successful.

Technical Lead Pao presented the monthly network operation statistics for July, and a few updates from June as a Board meeting was not held for that month.

Technical Lead Pao reported the Narrowband Mobile Data Network (NMDN) message count for July, the daily average for outbound messages was around nine thousand, five hundred and sixty-two (9,562), with a peak day at ten thousand, three hundred and twenty-eight (10,328); inbound messages had a daily average of four thousand, three hundred and twenty-seven (4,327) with peak days at five thousand, eight hundred and ninety-three (5,893) and five thousand, seven hundred and sixty-six (5,766).

Technical Lead Pao further reported the NMDN message count by month, Technical Lead Pao reported both inbound and outbound message counts were increasing through July, and there was a twenty-eight (28) percent increase in outbound messages and a nineteen (19) percent increase in inbound messages from January to July 2024.

Technical Lead Pao further reported data for Push-to-Talk (PTT) counts for the top ten (10) ACVRS channels with the LACoFD dispatch channels being the busiest.

Technical Lead Pao shared a screen detailing the talk time minutes for all conventional channels, including Los Angeles Regional Tactical Communications



System (LARTCS) which has far less usage, as well as talk time in minutes for each ACVRS cell in July, and ACVRS PTTs by cell. Technical Lead Pao went on to say all cells with dispatch channels had relatively equal counts, except for ACVRS Countywide, which only had one active channel; the TRO6R and TRO8R cells had much lower PTT counts as they lacked active dispatch channels. Technical Lead Pao shared data for all conventional channels, which included patched analog channels; there were about one hundred thirty thousand (130,000) PTTs for the varied cells.

Technical Lead Pao further shared DTVRS usage by hours, which showed the average calls in a 24-hour period for each day of the week; the data indicated Tuesdays through Fridays were the most active days, with Mondays and Saturdays slightly less active, and Sundays being the quietest. Technical Lead Pao presented data showing busy hours throughout the day, indicating the hours between 9:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. being the busiest hours and activities winding down by 10:00 p.m., and 4:00 a.m. and 5:00 a.m. being the hours with the least amount of traffic. Technical Lead Pao presented additional data regarding the top fifteen (15) DTVRS cell usage in minutes, with the Downtown Los Angeles cell being the busiest, the number of calls each cell processed during July, highlighting the Downtown Los Angeles cells as the most active, and individual Talkgroup minutes for June.

Regarding individual Talkgroup minutes for June, Technical Lead Pao reported LACoFD South Operations Talkgroup saw a significant increase and had the highest usage TalkGroup for June, accumulating just over fifty-six thousand (56,000) minutes in July, followed by LASD- NORTH1 Talkgroup. Technical Lead Pao noted the LASD-NORTH1 Talkgroup, which was patched to the LASD analog dispatch channel for sites Lancaster Sheriff's Station (LAN) and Palmdale Sheriff's Station (PLM), rose to second position due to coverage issues in the service area, particularly in Lake Los Angeles.

Technical Lead Pao shared data for the top fifteen (15) DTVRS Talkgroups for July, which showed an increase in the Fire's South Operations Talkgroup minutes to under eighty-thousand minutes (80,000) minutes, up from fifty-six thousand minutes (56,000) in June, followed by IGPD with just over twenty-six thousand, five hundred minutes (26,500); total call counts for July totaled two million, five hundred fifty-three thousand, five hundred and fifty-one calls (2,553,551); June statistics for minutes used per agency with LACoFD minutes increased to seventy-four thousand two hundred and sixty-seven (74,267) minutes making it the second busiest agency; July statistics showed LACoFD minutes increase again to one hundred and six thousand, three hundred and forty-four minutes (106,344).

This concluded the update on Agenda Item F. There was no further discussion.

G. Outreach Update – Lieutenant Robert Weber



Operations Lead Lieutenant (Lt.) Robert Weber greeted Board members and referenced the detailed Outreach Summary document for the months of June and July included in the Agenda Packet for review and information.

Operations Lead Lt. Weber reported during the months of June and July, Authority staff continued with subscriber and affiliate outreach efforts, and Sargent Alvaro Sierra led the efforts with LASD's contract cities, which were progressing well. Operations Lead Lt. Weber further reported affiliate radio ID efforts with the ICI system have been ongoing and progressing well. Operations Lead Lt. Weber went on to say LA-RICS successfully onboarded the City of Monterey Park PD, as well as working with the City of Torrance and City of La Verne PD for them to onboard with affiliate IDs in the near future. Operations Lead Lt. Weber stated the Authority staff has been working closely with the LASD Communications Management Fleet Bureau (CMFB) regarding overall Interoperability. Operations Lead Lt. Weber further stated that enduring the month of July, he met with the EOB Captain and her staff regarding the upcoming events planned for the region and the need for interoperability. Operations Lead Lt. Weber went on to say the City of Monterey Park PD was successfully onboarded on affiliate communications, which enabled them to communicate directly with LASD.

Operations Lead Lt. Weber expressed the Authority staff facilitated and attended several Interoperability meetings in the months of June and July, and the Ad Hoc Committee meetings were progressing well, with the first draft of the regional Interoperability SOP distributed to the Joint Committee Members for review. Operations Lead Lt. Weber further expressed staff continued coordination between LAPD communications managers and LASD communications managers in the effort to ensure collaboration. Operations Lead Lt. Weber went on to say these communications channels were helpful as staff from both agencies were deployed to Paris, France, to assist with the security for the Olympic Games. Operations Lead Lt. Weber reported the Authority staff attended the law enforcement Mutual Aid Coordinator's meeting in Duarte, CA, with the goal of having Mutual Aid coordinators assigned for each Mutual Aid region, and these efforts were progressing well. Operations Lead Lt. Weber further reported, in the month of July, the Authority staff attended the informative MSI trunked user group meeting in Glendale, CA, and this may lead to additional coordination needed between systems. Operations Lead Lt. Weber went on to say Authority staff members attended the NHSC in Miami, Florida, and shared the conference was very informative and allowed for information sharing, which would be helpful in the future. Operations Lead Lt. Weber stated the Authority staff continued to coordinate with officials from the Metropolitan Transit Authority (MTA) officials regarding their new command center that would be critical to the World Cup Soccer Games and the 2028 Olympics.

Operations Lead Lt. Weber mentioned LA-RICS continued to collect interoperability requests and continued coordination efforts with the City of Rancho Palos Verdes



Estates (RPVE) Police Department, City of Claremont Police Department, City of La Verne Police Department, and University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) PD. Operations Lead Lt. Weber further mentioned the Authority staff continued to work closely with these agencies to ensure their needs were met. Operations Lead Lt. Weber went on to say the Authority staff continued close contact with LA-RICS' State and Federal partners to ensure Interoperability needs were met during major events for regional and safety communications.

Board Member Nigg mentioned his Chief (City of La Verne) ceased efforts in securing an affiliate agreement due to a broader ICI agreement with LA-RICS that would cover his agency under one umbrella agreement. Operations Lead Lt. Weber stated, this broader agreement was in reference to the agreement ICI signed for all agencies within its organization, and at this point LA-RICS was working with each agency individually for the coordination while working in parallel with ICI on the deployment of shared IDs. Operations Lead Lt. Weber further stated there were obstacles to overcome regarding records keeping for shared IDs and how encryption would be rolled out. Operations Lead Lt. Weber mentioned La Verne has all required agreements signed through ICIs executed agreement, and the items they are working through now are purely logistics such as MSI performing certain system updates needed as well as an internal code plug which affected the progress. Operations Lead Lt. Weber went on to say he was in contact with the Sargent and newly promoted Captain at the City of La Verne PD and would provide a pathway forward for these issues. Operations Lead Lt. Weber went on to say once agencies were established, LA-RICS could have most of their radios programmed and set up with shared IDs, to move forward while working on the bigger picture with ICI.

Executive Chief Edson added ICI signed an agreement for all ICI agencies, however what ICI could not provide was all the IDs for all the agencies, which is why LA-RICS was working with each individual agency to share the IDs and determine what specific radio programming the agency wants on their radios. Executive Director Edson further added agreements were in place, and LA-RICS was working directly with the agencies regarding IDs and programming.

Board Member Nigg asked if onboarding at this point was operational and not administrative. Operations Lead Lt. Weber confirmed this is the case for La Verne.

This concluded the update on Agenda Item G. There was no further discussion.

H. Statement of Receipts & Disbursements for AT&T Business Agreement Fund for Public Safety Broadband Network (PBSN) – Deputy Director Ron Watson

Deputy Executive Director Ron Watson presented Agenda Item "H", providing the Board with a quarterly update on the expenditures recorded to the AT&T Business Agreement funds for period ending June 30, 2024. Deputy Executive Director



Watson stated the report was received from the County of Los Angeles Auditor Controller on July 18, 2024, and shared with the Board as promised when LA-RICS entered into the AT&T Business Agreement.

This concluded the update on Agenda Item H. There was no further discussion.

I. Quarterly Report Governmental Services Uses

Deputy Executive Director Watson presented Agenda Item "I", providing the Board with a quarterly report on uses of the Board's prior delegation to enlist assistance from the County of Los Angeles and other governmental agencies to perform various services needed at Land Mobile Radio (LMR) sites that the vendor, MSI, was refusing to perform. Deputy Executive Director Watson stated the quarterly report captured expenses incurred through June 30, 2024, totaling \$407,838, for services provided by County ISD for work including rental of a rollup generator, refueling of generator, weed abatement, pest control services, etc.

This concluded the update on Agenda Item I. There was no further discussion.

J. ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON & VICE CHAIRPERSON

Executive Director Edson reminded the Board, at the next Board meeting, there would be an agenda item that required the Board to identify a Chair and a Vice Chair, and at that time, the Board would have the opportunity to nominate and vote for their choice.

VIII. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS (K – L)

K. DELEGATE AUTHORITY TO THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO NEGOTIATIONS FOR A SOLE SOURCE AGREEMENT WITH GENCORE CANDEO, LTD. (DBA THE GENESIS GROUP) FOR GENWATCH3 FOR USE ON THE LAND MOBILE RADIO (LMR) SYSTEM

Executive Director Edson presented Agenda Item "K", requesting the Board's approval authorizing the Executive Director, to enter sole Source Negotiations with GenCore Candeo, Ltd. dba The Genesis Group ("Genesis") for GenWatch3 for use on the LMR System.

Executive Director Edson reported the Authority was in the Warranty Period, preparing for long term operations and maintenance of the LMR System, which includes monitoring and management of the system, which was a critical service.

Executive Director Edson further reported, Genesis, who partners with MSI, was the only company able to deliver the platform to monitor data through MSI's P25 radio system and had been providing the service to the Authority by way of the LMR



Contract between MSI and the Authority. However, Executive Director Edson went on to say, the Authority sought to contract directly with Genesis to procure additional features and enhance existing functions not included in the current Genesis application through the existing agreement with MSI. Executive Director Edson went on to say such new and enhanced features included, but were not limited to, viewing real-time data such as traffic and network issues; broadening the reporting ability by increasing types of reports and the level of detail; and identifying illegal carriers using LA-RICS reserved frequencies.

Executive Director Edson stated understanding the Authority adopted the County of Los Angeles procurement mode and in accordance with the County Board of Supervisor's Policy No. 5-100, notification was being provided to the Board, as well as a request to delegate authority to the Executive Director to engage in negotiations for a Sole Source agreement. Executive Director Edson further stated should the Board approve the agenda item, LA-RICS would commence negotiations with Genesis and may return to the Board to present a proposed agreement to the Board that includes scope, terms, conditions, and cost.

Board Member Nigg stated he noticed fiscal impact financing would be financed with either State funds or UASI funds and inquired if LA-RICS identified how LA-RICS would obtain funds. Executive Director Edson expressed the funds would come from grants as those two (2) funding sources were under the grants category depending on the total cost, where the funding would best come from, as well as timing.

Alternate Board Chair Yanagi asked for a motion to approve. Board Member Chief Povero motioned first, seconded by Alternate Board Member Captain Hurt.

AYES (9): Luke, Inman, Yanagi, Tadeo, Wiese, Nelson, Povero, Hurt, and Nigg.

MOTION APPROVED.

L. DELEGATE AUTHORITY TO EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE AMENDMENTS TO SITE ACCESS AGREEMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS USE LEASES AT SEVEN LMR SYSTEM SITES

Nancy Yang, LA-RICS Telecommunications System Consulting Engineer, presented Agenda Item "L", and reported it was recommended the Board find the approval and execution of Amendment No. 1 to the Site Access Agreement (SAA) with the County to allow the County to collocate, install, operate, and maintain their public safety communications equipment at sites San Pedro Hill (SPH) and the Fire Command and Control Facility (FCCF) site, supporting the County's communications systems, and the associated activities were categorically exempt from review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to 14



Cal. Regs. (“CEQA Guidelines”) Sections 15301, 15302, 15303 and 15304 for the reasons stated in this Board letter and as noted in the record of the project.

Consulting Engineer Yang stated under Agenda Item “L”, the Board would find that the approval and execution of Amendment No. 1 to the Communications Use Lease with the United States Department of Agriculture Forest Service (USDAFS) for the five (5) LMR sites Loop Canyon (LPC), Magic Mountain Link (MML), Portal Ridge (PRG), Whitaker Middle Peak (WMP) and Whitaker Ridge (WTR) in the Angeles National Forest to administratively remove authorization to the Authority for certain Long Term Evolution (LTE) facilities co-located at these sites for which New Cingular Wireless, as the current owner of the LTE facility, had sought direct and separate communications special use authorization and Communications Use Leases from the USDAFS was not considered a project under CEQA.

Consulting Engineer Yang further stated Agenda Item “L” would authorize the Executive Director to complete negotiations, finalize, and execute Amendment No. 1 to the SAA identified herein for the SPH LMR site, on a gratis basis, substantially similar in form to the agreement attached to the Board Letter as Enclosure 1, and to future amendments for the option terms to April 30, 2029, all of which must have approval as to form from Counsel to the Authority.

Consulting Engineer Yang reported Agenda Item “L” would authorize the Executive Director to execute Amendments to Communications Use Leases with the USDAFS for LMR sites, LPC, MML, PRG, WMP, and WTR on a gratis basis, similar in form to the agreements attached to the Board Letter as Enclosure 2, and to future amendments for the option terms to December 31, 2049, for these sites, all must have approval as to form from Counsel to the Authority.

Consulting Engineer Yang further reported Agenda Item “L” would Authorize the Executive Director to complete negotiations, finalize and execute real estate agreements for the site FCCF, on a gratis basis, substantially similar in form to the agreement attached to the Board as Enclosure 1, which would also amend and reflect the underlying property owner for the FCCF site, the Los Angeles County Consolidated Fire Protection District, as a party to the SAA, and to exercise amendments for the option terms to the SAA for the FCCF site, all of which must have approval as to form from Counsel to the Authority.

Alternate Board Chair Inman inquired if the five (5) sites on USFS land that were exempt from CEQA met the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements. Consulting Engineer Yang stated the Authority cleared these sites for NEPA with the USFS and had conducted NEPA reviews for these sites previously.

Alternate Board Chair Yanagi asked for a motion to approve. Alternate Board Member Hurt motioned first, seconded by Board Member Nigg.



AYES (9): Luke, Inman, Yanagi, Tadeo, Wiese, Nelson, Povero, Hurt, and Nigg.

MOTION APPROVED.

IX. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS – NONE

X. MISCELLANEOUS – NONE

XI. ITEMS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION BY THE BOARD – NONE

XII. CLOSED SESSION REPORT – NONE

XIII. ADJOURNMENT OF THE REGULAR MEETING AND NEXT REGULAR MEETING

Alternate Board Chair Inman stated the next Regular Board Meeting would be held on Thursday, September 5, 2024, at 9:00 a.m., at the County of Los Angeles Sheriff's Department (LASD), ELAC Community College Bureau, 1055 Corporate Center Drive, Monterey Park, CA 91754.

Alternate Board Chair Yanagi called for a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 9:53 a.m. Board Member Povero made a motion.

APPROVED