



JOINT OPERATIONS AND TECHNICAL COMMITTEES MEETING MINUTES

LOS ANGELES REGIONAL INTEROPERABLE
COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM AUTHORITY

APPROVED

Tuesday, May 22, 2018 • 1:30 p.m.
LA-RICS Headquarters – Large Conference Room
2525 Corporate Place, Suite 200, Monterey Park, CA 91754

Operations Committee Members Present:

John Geiger, Los Angeles County, CEO
Shelly Vander Veen, L.A. County Police Chiefs Association
Jeff Steinhoff, Sergeant, City of Inglewood Police Department
Ric Walczak, Lieutenant, Covina Police Department
Elliot Kase, Assistant Chief of Police, Alhambra Police Department
Sven Crongeyer, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department

Technical Committee Members Present:

Ted Pao, Chair, Information Technology Specialist, Los Angeles County Internal Services Department
John Geiger, Los Angeles County, CEO
Ric Walczak, Lieutenant, Covina Police Department
Jeffrey Morgan, Los Angeles County, DHS
Scott England, Vice Chair, Telecommunications Engineer Command and Control, LACoFD
Information Officer, EMS Agency, County of LADHS
Jeff Steinhoff, Sergeant, City of Inglewood Police Department
Elliot Kase, Assistant Chief of Police, Alhambra Police Department
Sven Crongeyer, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department

Absent:

Kyle Zuniga, Chair, County of Los Angeles Fire Department
Judy Anderson, Vice-Chair, Lieutenant, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department
Cathy Chidester, Los Angeles County, DHS
Chris Donovan, Los Angeles Area Fire Chiefs Association
Ron Sagmit, Lieutenant, Signal Hill Police Department
Steven Page, Los Angeles Area Fire Chiefs Association

Officers Present:

Scott D. Edson, LA-RICS Executive Director



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

I. CALL TO ORDER

Technical Committee Chair Ted Pao called the meeting to order at 1:37 p.m.

II. ANNOUNCE QUORUM – Roll Call

Committee secretary Priscilla Lara took roll call for each committee and both committees had quorum.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (A)

A. January 23, 2018 – Regular Meeting Minutes

Technical Committee Chair Ted Pao asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Committee Member unidentified moved to approve first, seconded by Technical Committee Vice Chair Scott England.

Ayes 9: Pao, Geiger, Vander Veen, Steinhoff, Walczak, Kase, Crongeyer, Morgan and England

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS – (NONE)

V. CONSENT CALENDAR – (NONE)

VI. REPORTS (B-C)

B. Status Report Update for LTE

Eileen Healy, a consultant with Televate provided an update on the LTE Public Safety Broadband Network (PSBN). LA-RICS has agreement with AT&T to take over the existing 71 PSBN sites. The deal is targeted to close on or about July 1, 2018, pending NTIA approval. She provided some detail around the operational and technical aspects for this important network transition including completing the new LA-RICS Network Operations Center (NOC), user performance monitoring capabilities and agency connections to FirstNet/AT&T. Her presentation was followed by a lively Q&A session where Committee Members asked questions about the LTE network transition. Questions included:

Will agencies become a customer of AT&T like anyone else? Technical Chair Pao stated any adopters of the FirstNet solution would become a customer of FirstNet/AT&T.



To what extent would we have a say in the operation of the network? Technical Chair Pao indicated that we expect continued access to user data and there will be some additional local control capability, which still needs additional information and definition. Project Director Chris Odenthal stated that the questions exist on the AT&T side and identified more areas that remain to be explored and clarified once the network is transitioned. Ms. Healy shared the performance dashboard that LA-RICS has developed and explained that LASD and LACoFD have requested that LA-RICS makes the dashboard available after the transition to AT&T.

The discussion then changed to the available County contract vehicles to purchase FirstNet services. Technical Vice Chair England asked as we migrate to FirstNet is there a state contract for pricing? Ms. Healy stated the request has been made to AT&T that if the agencies are using LA-RICS SIM to connect to the FirstNet Network there will be no service charge. Work is underway with the County of Los Angeles / ISD on a proper contract vehicle. Project Director Odenthal provided additional clarification on the pricing / adoption discussion. Additional questions were asked:

Is ISD contemplating procurement on behalf of Fire, Sheriff, the County or LA-RICS? Committee Member Sergeant Crongeyer stated ISD is conducting a local procurement for the County as a whole, but the FirstNet services being procured are only for Public Safety. Technical Vice Chair England commented he is concerned the terms and conditions for a local procurement / pricing will take quite some time.

C. Status Report Update for LMR

Program Manager Justin Delfino presented a PowerPoint Presentation to the attendees that included the following:

Program Manager Delfino provided a map/visual to illustrate sites that are in construction and those completed and provided details supporting the construction-related activities occurring at these sites to date.

Technical Chair Pao asked for an approximate count of how many sites are currently under construction? Program Manager Delfino stated that there are a total of 19 sites constructed, 17 of which are considered complete.

Construction completed sites are listed below:

1. TPK
2. BMT
3. MLM



4. PLM
5. MMC
6. HPK
7. ONK
8. LDWP243
9. CCT
10. LASDTEM
11. APC
12. CCB
13. MVS
14. PHN
15. SDW
16. FCCF
17. CLM

Under construction sites are listed below:

1. VPK
2. LA-RICS HQ

Given the timeline presented, Technical Vice Chair England asked when will we be able to come up with first simulcast cell?

Program Manager Delfino stated what is to be turned on will be determined by the Authority and policy decisions to be made.

Project Director Odenthal stated the individual sites can function by themselves. Pending backhaul connectivity to one of the cores. Most of the basin will be done by the end of the year. There are three sites that are necessary for the basin sites to turn on:

1. Rolling Hills
2. Baldwin Hills
3. Rio Hondo

Each of the sites under construction is expected to be completed by the end of this year or early next year. However, if there is a particular site that is needed prior to System Acceptance, the LA-RICS Board will need to make a policy decision regarding payment for operations and maintenance of a partial in the interest of public safety.



Technical Vice Chair England stated we had that MOU conversation before as far as bringing users on the system. He also requested further information as to the timeline contemplated.

Project Director Odenthal stated those sites are done with the exception of RHT (Rolling Hill Transmit), Signal Hill, and UCLA and you got everything in the mountain side and then Catalina in the south. We are adding east San Gabriel Valley, Pomona courthouse, and Industry. Pomona will be done by the end of the year; the site is on Pomona courthouse. LA-RICS (LMR buildout) is our charter. As this organization does not want to incur additional cost at this time to do early onboarding of agencies. If there is a reason to do something different for officer safety, we will consider that if an agency brings that forward.

Technical Chair Pao stated that we have been doing a lot of construction and a lot remains to be done. It's a big system and will take time to complete it.

VII. DISCUSSION ITEMS – (D)

D. LA-RICS LMR Fleet Mapping Workgroup

Committee Member Sergeant Crongeyer stated with all the work being done with the LMR system, there is a need to gather all the member agencies and discuss some fleet mapping issues, in particular, a channel (talkgroup) naming convention. Do we want to have some interoperable channels so Fire Department can talk to Fire Department only? Same for Law Enforcement only? Do we want to have just one big talk group? These are the questions that need to be answered and we would like to form a working group to discuss these issues and come up with some options within LA-RICS. We want to put out an invitation to all Member Agencies to participate in a working group so we can discuss these issues. We will extend that invitation and start producing some ideas for the committees to consider.

Committee Member Geiger stated that would be a good next step. Open the room and start discussion.

Project Director Odenthal asked, "Could you describe the qualifications you are looking for the working group member makeup?"

Member Sergeant Crongeyer stated we are looking for representatives with a general understanding of radio systems and their operation and why there is a need for fleet mapping/naming. We are looking for representatives that understand how their current radio system works.

Technical Chair Pao stated perhaps we would have mutual aid with other (non member) agencies.



Project Director Odenthal indicated that there may be some Members that participate in different communication system. We reported on a meeting with ICI and Motorola on how we are going to implement the ISSI. We identified Mt. Lee (as the preferred connection point) and looking at the timeline we expect to have some resolution in the next 30 days. the city of Los Angeles because it's at Mt. Lee. Having ICI participate or know about what we are doing could be useful. They are going to have to have similar mapping of channels for (interoperable) communication as LA-RICS.

Technical Chair Pao asked to take a step back to explain what ISSI is and how it would work between two systems.

Project Director Odenthal stated the ISSI system connects the two (P25) systems. If you are an ICI member and come into LA-RICS coverage area where there is lack of ICI coverage, you can use LA-RICS coverage and talk back to your dispatch center. LA-RICS Members will be able to do the same thing. You have to have the two networks working together so the people have to work together. Right now, from an approval Authority stand point, there is a discussion that Long Beach will have one (ISSI), LAPD and ICI will have one with LA-RICS serving as the hub and everyone connected to it. ICI group has a system up and running on a P25 platform.

Technical Chair Pao stated we are going to meet with ICI and other system operators on ISSI connections. Member Sergeant Crongeyer stated that sounds like a separate working group to discuss the ISSI and we can do that. It's going to have to be done. Project Director Odenthal responded that "yes" we are testing ISSI system with ICI probably in September 2018. Member Sergeant Crongeyer stated that we will put out for two working groups.

VIII. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS – (E-G)

E. APPROVE RECOMMENDATION TO THE LA-RICS JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO APPROVE THE LA-RICS LAND MOBILE RADIO SYSTEM EARLY ONBOARDING POLICY (POLICY NO. 023-2018)

Deputy Program Manager Tanya Roth presented Agenda Item E and recommended that the JPA Board:

1. Approve recommendation to the Board of Policy No. 023-2018, LA-RICS LMR System Early Onboarding Policy and the corresponding LA-RICS LMR System Early Onboarding MOU which would ensure the Authority has a policy in place for use of the LMR System for operational purposes prior to Final LMR System Acceptance.



2. Approve recommendation to the Board to delegate authority to the Executive Director to execute MOUs with agencies interested in using the LMR System prior to Final LMR System Acceptance for operation and mission critical purposes.
3. Approve recommendation to the Board to delegate authority to the Executive Director to approve and execute amendments to the LMR System Early Onboarding MOU substantially similar in form to the attached at Enclosure 1, provided that they are approved as to form by Counsel to the Authority.

Member Sergeant Crongeyer asked if Counsel had reviewed the MOU, Deputy Program Manager Roth confirmed that Counsel had reviewed.

Contract Manager Jeanette Arismendez stated that the recommendation is to make the recommendation to the Board to request such delegation.

Member Geiger motioned first, seconded by Technical Vice Chair England.

Ayes 9: Pao, Geiger, Vander Veen, Steinhoff, Walczak, Kase, Crongeyer, Morgan and England

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F. APPROVE RECOMMENDATION TO THE LA-RICS JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO APPROVE THE LA-RICS INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND SECURITY PROGRAM POLICY (POLICY NO. 024-2018)

Ms. Healy presented Agenda Item F and recommended that the JPA Board:

1. Approve a recommendation to adopt Board Policy No. 024-2018, LA-RICS Information Technology and Security Program Policy (Enclosure 1), that establishes a security program that ensures Authority Information Technology (IT) resources are protected against all forms of unauthorized access, use, disclosure, or modification.

Member Sergeant Crongeyer asked if these were policies for users for the LA-RICS IT system, LA-RICS computer and the software and the LMR networks system? Ms. Healy clarified that this policy is primarily for the LA-RICS staff, but all Members are expected to have similar policies.

Member Vander Veen motioned first, seconded by Member Sergeant Crongeyer.



Ayes 9: Pao, Geiger, Vander Veen, Steinhoff, Walczak, Kase, Crongeyer, Morgan and England

MOTION APPROVED

G. OPERATIONS COMMITTEE VICE CHAIR - ELECTION

Technical Chair Pao asked for a motion to approve recommendation be made to the Joint Operations and Technical Committee Members as follows:

Elect Lieutenant Tab Rhodes as the new Operations Committee Vice Chair.

Technical Vice Chair England motioned first, seconded by Member Sergeant Crongeyer.

Ayes 9: Pao, Geiger, Vander Veen, Steinhoff, Walczak, Kase, Crongeyer, Morgan and England

MOTION APPROVED

IX. MISCELLANEOUS – (NONE)

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

XI. CLOSED SESSION REPORT – (NONE)

XII. ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING:

Technical Committee Chair Pao announced adjournment of this meeting at 2:26 p.m., and the next Committee Meeting is on Tuesday, July 24, 2018, at 1:30 p.m., at the LA-RICS Headquarters, 2525 Corporate Place, Monterey Park 91754, Suite 200 the Large Conference Room.