

East Bay Regional Communications System Authority



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OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

REGULAR MEETING

DATE: November 8, 2019

TIME: 9:30 a.m.

PLACE: Alameda County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Services,
Room 1013
4985 Broder Blvd., Dublin, CA 94568

MINUTES

1. Call to Order/Roll Call: 9:43 a.m.

Committee Members Present:

G. Ahern, Sheriff, Alameda County Sheriff's Office
C. Nice, Assistant Sheriff, Alameda County Sheriff's Office
N. Luby, Deputy Chief, Oakland Fire Department
J. Tudor, Police Chief, City of San Leandro
C. Simmons, Assistant Sheriff, Contra Costa County Sheriff's Office

Staff Present:

T. McCarthy, Executive Director
C. Soto, Administrative Assistant

Public:

S. Frew, Manager, Security and Emergency Preparedness, East Bay Municipal Utility District

2. Public Comments (Meeting Open to the Public): None.

3. Approve the Minutes of the February 22, 2019, April 5, 2019 and September 13, 2019 Regular Operations Committee Meetings

On motion of Bm. Nice, seconded by Bm. Tudor and by unanimous vote, the Operations Committee approved the minutes of the February 22, 2019, April 5, 2019 and September 13, 2019 Regular Operations Committee meetings.

4. Provide Direction regarding East Bay Municipal Utility District Request to Join EBRCSA

Director McCarthy presented the staff report and advised that East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD) had requested to become a member of EBRCSA. They would be utilizing 40-45 radios for day-to-day operations and when they have to interact with public safety, especially Fire departments. Zone 7, a similar agency to EBMUD, is a member of EBRCSA, as are other special districts. There is discontent from some Authority Boardmembers with EBMUD recently charging the Authority for use of their land for System sites. Because they are not a member of public safety, it was needed to be discussed by the Operations and Finance Committees for recommendation to the full Board.

Director McCarthy asked Oakland Fire if it was beneficial to have EBMUD on the System.

Chief Luby stated he could see the added value but stressed there was a need to develop training and protocol for radio use on emergency radios.

Chair Ahern stated he recommended that EBMUD be allowed to join the Authority.

Bm. Nice asked if the EBMUD Board would need to approve joining the Authority.

S. Frew stated that he did not believe the EBMUD Board needed to authorize joining the Authority. Both the General Manager and the Manager of Operations and Maintenance were in support of this request.

Bm. Luby stated again, that if the Authority Board approved EBMUD joining, there be training for EBMUD, and an MOU about sharing channels.

On motion by Bm. Nice, seconded by Bm. Luby unanimous vote, the Operations Committee recommended East Bay Municipal Utility District become a member of EBRCSA, and this be to the Board of Directors on at its December 6, 2019 Board meeting.

5. Provide Direction on Request from AT&T to Lease Space on the Patterson Pass Tower

Director McCarthy presented the staff report and advised AT&T wanted to install 4G at the Authority's Patterson Pass site in Livermore. This was StopWaste land that the Authority leased from them. There was concern that if AT&T collocated equipment at the site, it could impact the Authority's ability for future growth of the System. He was seeking direction from the Committees' and full Board to continue discussions with AT&T. If approved, he would get an engineer to analyze the site, tower and space.

On motion of Bm. Nice, seconded by Bm. Tudor and by unanimous vote, the Operations Committee recommended to the full Board that the Executive Director speak to AT&T to determine the scope and capacity of their request.

6. 2020 EBRCSA Draft Calendar Committee and Board Meetings

The 2020 EBRCSA Draft Calendar Committee and Board meetings calendar was presented to the Committee, with the noted change of the March Board meeting to March 6, 2020.

7. Discussion of Nominations for the Board of Directors Chair and Vice Chair to be Voted on and Take Effect at the Close of the Meeting on December 6, 2019

Director McCarthy stated there would be an election for Chair and Vice Chair for a period of one year, with a call for nominations at the December 6, 2019 Board meeting. Chair Ahern had entered his name for nomination of Chair.

8. Receive Information on Public Safety Power Shutdowns and Impact to EBRCSA

Director McCarthy advised that with the first recent Public Safety Power Shutdown (PSPS), everyone was prepared but there was one site that needed a new generator. With the second PSPS, three generators did not work. Replacements were found but not without difficulty. Before the PSPS, all generators had been tested before the PSPS and were operating normally.

Committee members discussed the possibility of purchasing back-up generators, possibly with grant money.

9. Update on the Faria Preserve Project, City of San Ramon

Director McCarthy stated that the Faria Preserve Project in San Ramon had needed to have testing done to ensure there was radio coverage. The City of San Ramon had requirements in place for developers to keep radio coverage at 95%, and if the development caused coverage issues, it was up to the developer to pay to correct the problem. There are five levels to the Faria Project that need to be evaluated. They were looking to develop a site and have the developer pay for it, \$1.5-2 million.

10. Update of Capitol Replacement Project Proposal

The Finance Committee selected CSI to move forward with the Capitol Replacement Project.

11. Update on Discussion of EBRCSA Microwave Upgrade and Transition to Multiprotocol Label Switching (MPLS)

Director McCarthy stated that some of the System's microwaves were pre-EBRCSA and needed to be upgraded. He received a proposal from Motorola who had partnered with Aviat. He then went to Aviat to get a separate quote. He would meet with CSI to help evaluate the proposals from AT&T and Aviat. This would upgrade the microwave to Ethernet and allow for faster flow of information. The microwave had to be on ethernet and Multiprotocol Label Switching to continue the System working.

12. Receive Information on City of Vallejo Speaking to EBRCSA Executive Director

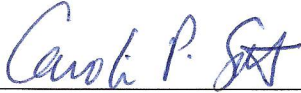
Director McCarthy stated Vallejo had approached him with their radio issues. They have asked to be on the System. He asked why they were not going with Solano County. They said there were some issues there. He was waiting for a request from the Vallejo City Manager to continue, and then receive direction from the full Board.

13. Agenda Items for Next Meeting

Discuss GPS on Handheld Radios

14. Adjournment

With no further business coming before the Operations Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 10:28 a.m.



Caroline P. Soto
Authority Secretary