



East Bay Regional Communications System Authority



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OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

SPECIAL MEETING

DATE: September 15, 2023

TIME: 10:00 a.m.

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

MINUTES

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- 1. Call to Order/Roll Call:** A regular meeting of the Operations Committee was held on Friday, September 15, 2023. The meeting was called to order at 10:02 a.m.

Committee Members Present:

D. Swing, Chief, Pleasanton Police Department
J. King, Chief, Moraga Police Department
P. Meyer, Chief, San Ramon Valley Fire Protection District
M. Nichelini, Acting Deputy Chief, Oakland Fire Department
J. Vorhauer, Assistant Sheriff, Contra Costa County Office of the Sheriff

Staff:

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

Public:

M. Larson, Representative of Motorola

- 2. Public Comments:** None.
- 3. Approval of Minutes of June 2, 2023, Operations Committee Meeting**

On motion of Bm. King, seconded by Bm. Vorhauer and by unanimous vote, the Operations Committee approved the minutes of the June 2, 2023 Operations Committee meeting.

- 4. Motorola SUA and Maintenance Agreement**

Executive Director McCarthy stated when EBRCSA was built, it had a service update agreement with Motorola for ten years. The agreement was set at \$1 million per year for

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the 10 years. The SUA was not combined with the maintenance agreement back then. There were two separate contracts. The cost of the maintenance agreement has gone up every three years. Having no increases for 10 years was a good deal. It has now expired. He has now asked Motorola to put the SUA and maintenance agreement together into a six-year contract. At the end of the six years, you do not know what changes will have occurred in technology. In six years, Motorola will change how consoles work. In the original SUA, the consoles were included as part of the upgrade. The new SUA and maintenance agreement are now both in this contract. The SUA now includes the NICE recording which was separate, they also added MPLS, the MDR computer security component. These critical items increase the cost of the contract. All the new equipment is being inventoried and asset-tagged. Every two years, the SUA refreshes technology and, if necessary, hardware. This combines the SUA, just under \$1 million per year and the maintenance agreement, \$1.4 million a year.

The Operations Committee, Mr. Boyer - Auditor, and the Executive Director discussed the impacts the new agreement costs would have on the budget. They also discussed how a component of the contract cost is a capital cost due to the hardware having useful lives beyond one year. This agreement has been written with the EBRCSA attorney and the attorney from Motorola. There were questions regarding the automatic adjustment for inflation stated in the contract. The cost of the agreement would need to be coupled with an increase in subscription fees. Could the \$1.8 million in the budget earmarked for the site in Antioch be used to help with the budget issues? EBRCSA was already using reserves for a loss in the budget. This contract will generate a rate increase. The last time rates went up was 2019, 2020, and 2021. They were not increased as much as anticipated. The escalator on the CPI needed to be discussed with Motorola so as to not have an open-ended percentage increase.

Executive Director McCarthy stated he would check and report back to the Operations Committee what the Alameda County and Contra Costa Counties recording retention schedules are.

On motion of Bm. King, seconded by Bm. Swing, and by unanimous vote, the Operations Committee agreed to recommend this item to the Board for approval with the exception of the inflation adjustment section on page 73 and with a request that the Executive Director work with Motorola on pricing issues.

5. Contra Costa County ITD Service Agreement

Executive Director McCarthy stated this was a contract with Contra Costa County's radio shop. The radio shop team works on the equipment and out in the field at the sites. This is to extend that contract for one year. It is for time and materials with an increase of 5%, of which is in the budget. This contract will date back to July 1, 2023.

On motion of Bm. King, seconded by Bm. Vorhauer and by unanimous vote, the Operations Committee agreed to recommend to the full Board that EBRCSA amend/extend its current contract with the Contra Costa County Department of Information Technology and increase the contract value from \$2,290,000 to \$2,635,000, an increase of \$345,000, through June 30, 2024. majority vote for approval.

6. Request Direction regarding Recruitment of Executive Director

Executive Director McCarthy stated he would be leaving EBRCSA on February 29, 2024. He was looking for direction as to how to fill the vacancy. Could there be a subcommittee of Board members to work on recruitment with the assistance of a recruitment company?

Bm. Swing stated it might be the time to also have a conversation regarding EBRCSA's administrative structure.

Chair Meyer stated he would like to have Executive Director McCarthy overlap with the new Executive Director.

7. Updates on East Bay Regional Commination System Projects

- Time Division Multiple Access (TDMA)

All the equipment has been installed; some agencies have not completed theirs yet. A deadline will be set and the Executive Director will send out a letter to agencies that have not converted their radios, approximately 600 radios.

- Encryption

Encryption has been put in every one of the dispatch consoles. It is now up to the agencies to put in their encryption. Fleet maps have been written and the code plugs have been written.

- Microwave/MPLS

There is now engineering work being done on the last two microwaves. So, now they are moving through the second phase of the process.

- The City of Antioch Site on Walton Lane

Antioch let its lease expire on the tower so the Executive Director is working with them to get it worked out.

- Carquinez Site Completion

The site at 651 Pine Street in Martinez was demolished so equipment had to be removed. Contra Costa County paid for and built a site in Carquinez. All the finalization was being completed now.

- Wiedemann Project San Ramon

The power distribution is being setup. The dishes are being done. Ball is one of the dishes that connects to it.

- Alameda County Parking Lot next to East Dublin BART

A parking lot is being built next to the East Dublin BART station and it is creating interference from East Dublin BART to Doolan where the master site ties into the ring. There is a 60% degradation. The Executive Director is working with BART. He had reports done in four days and sent them to BART. BART informed him that in 2021 LB Stroebel came out and did some work on the tower, so reports had to be redone.

8. Agenda Items for Next Meeting

- Aviat Repair and Maintenance Agreement
- Antioch
- Mutual Aid: MOTCO wants to come on EBRCOA
- Poll the encryption and estimate timeline

9. **Adjournment:** With no further business coming before the Operations Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 11:07 a.m.



Caroline P. Soto
Authority Secretary