



**East Bay Regional
Communications
System Authority**



Participating agencies include Alameda and Contra Costa Counties and the following cities and special districts: Alameda, Albany, Antioch, Berkeley, Brentwood, Clayton, Concord, Danville, Dublin, El Cerrito, Emeryville, Fremont, Hayward, Hercules, Lafayette, Livermore, Martinez, Moraga, Newark, Oakland, Oakley, Pinole, Pittsburg, Pleasant Hill, Pleasanton, Richmond, San Leandro, San Pablo, San Ramon, Union City, Walnut Creek, East Bay Regional Park District, Kensington Police Community Services District, Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority, Moraga-Orinda Fire District, Rodeo-Hercules Fire District, San Ramon Valley Fire District, California Department of Transportation, Ohlone Community College District, Contra Costa Community College District, Dublin-San Ramon Services District and University of California, Berkeley

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

REGULAR MEETING

DATE: March 6, 2020

TIME: 10:00 a.m.

**PLACE: Alameda County Sheriff's Office of Emergency Services and Homeland Security
4985 Broder Blvd.
Dublin, CA 94568**

MINUTES

1. **Closed Session:** None.

2. **Call to Order/Roll Call:** 10:03 a.m.

Boardmembers Present: G. Ahern, C. Andersen, J. Calabrigo, M. Casten, J. Diaz, N. Gallo, N. Luby, R. McBain, P. Meyer, P. Mulligan, S. Perkins, C. Nice, J. Tudor, D. Twa

Staff: T. McCarthy, L. Kinney, C. Boyer, C. Soto

Public: T. Brooks, Police Chief, City of Antioch; N. Ashraf, Chief Innovation Officer, Vallejo; D. Arbuthnott, Vallejo Fire Chief; S. Williams, Police Chief, City of Vallejo; G. Poole, Motorola

3. **Report on Closed Session:** None.

4. **Public Comments: (Meeting Open to the Public):** None.

5. **Presentations:** None.

6. **Approval of Minutes**

6.1 Approval of Minutes from the Board Meeting of December 6, 2019

On motion of Bm. Mulligan, seconded by Bm. Andersen and by unanimous vote, the Board approved the minutes of the December 6, 2019 Regular Board meeting.

7. **Written Communications:** None.

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8. Public Hearings: None.

9. Action Items:

9.1 **Discuss and Provide Direction Concerning the City of Vallejo Police and Fire Department joining EBRCSA**

Director McCarthy presented the Staff Report and advised that the City of Vallejo had requested to join EBRCSA as a radio system user. The City's radio system was not functioning properly, and they had tested the System's radios and had good coverage except for an area called Hiddenbrooke. The City would purchase all its own equipment which it would then use when it joined the Solano County radio system JPA once it was up and functioning. The agreement would include the fact that this was a temporary use of the System, two to four years, with regular reporting to the Committees and Board with how progress was going. Although it was not anticipated to cause any busies with the City coming onto the System, if the City of Vallejo creates interference with radio transmissions creating busies for the Authority's other users, Director McCarthy would inform the Board and the Board could convene to end the agreement with 60 days notice. They would be using 360 radios, on different shifts, different days, different hours. The City understands it bears all costs including consoles, radios, and any equipment needed for coverage at Hiddenbrooke. It would be using the Turquoise and Contra Costa Central towers. The City will hire the Contra Costa County radio shop to get connected to EBRCSA, enter into a maintenance contract with Motorola, and will maintain the SUA costs on the consoles. The agreement will include a one-time administrative fee of \$4,000. Other costs will include \$200 per radio start-up cost, \$30 operating fee per radio, and any subsequent fee increase, \$15 per radio debt service fee, per month. If there is any inference for any Authority members, the agreement would come back to the Board and service the City with a 60-day notice to revert back to its radio system, and off of EBRCSA.

Bm. Rodriguez joined the meeting at 10:07 a.m.

Bm. Muranishi joined the meeting at 10:10 a.m.

Police Chief Shawny Williams of Vallejo expressed his appreciation of the Board's consideration of the City's request.

On motion of Bm. McBain, seconded by Bm. Meyer and by unanimous vote, the Board of Directors adopted **Resolution No. 20-01** Conditionally Authorizing the City of Vallejo to Temporarily Join the East Bay Regional Communications System Authority.

9.2 **Consider Approval Concerning a Contract with CSI Telecommunications for 10-Year Plan Scope of Work for EBRCSA**

Director McCarthy presented the Staff Report and advised this item was to approve a contract with CSI Telecommunications to evaluate the site conditions, equipment, and infrastructure of the System and identify expectations over the next ten years regarding projected lifespan and vendor support. The cost for agreement is \$133,740. He had been

in contact with CSI to clarify any questions they had. The agreement with CSI had been reviewed and discussed with the Finance Committee.

On motion of Bm. Perkins, seconded by Bm. Rodriguez and by unanimous vote, the Board adopted **Resolution No. 20-02** Authorizing the EBRCSA Chair to Execute, and the Executive Director to Implement, an Agreement with CSI Technology, Inc. to Develop a Ten-Year Plan Regarding the EBRCSA System.

On motion of Bm. Perkins, seconded by Bm. Rodriguez and by unanimous vote, the Board adopted **Resolution No. 20-03** Adopting and Implementing an Adjustment to Administrative Budget for Fiscal Year 2019/2020.

9.3 Provide Direction on Simulcast Site Addition to Walton Lane

Director McCarthy presented the Staff Report and advised that Walton Lane is a site in the City of Antioch where there are coverage issues. The Board had requested Director McCarthy find an alternative site to improve coverage. The best alternative out of four potential sites is Walton Lane. The Finance Committee approved the recommendation to the full Board that the Authority pay for the cost of the necessary equipment and installation for the simulcast cell, \$1,065,845, obtain the required FCC licensing, and cover the cost of maintaining the licenses. This would allow Director McCarthy to discuss with Antioch what they would cover, such as any necessary construction permits, negotiation of the lease for the tower space, PG&E connection and ongoing costs of service, and provide the land and shelter for necessary equipment of the Simulcast Cell.

Bm. Catalano joined the meeting at 10:27 a.m.

This would be a secondary site for Antioch. The Operations and Finance Committees had discussed this item and agreed to the terms above. This area had not been included in the original System coverage. The Director had sought grant funding but was not successful.

Tammany Brooks, Chief of Police of Antioch, stated this was a public safety issue and having this coverage available would make that area significantly safer for not only first responders, but also the public.

On motion of Bm. Casten, seconded by Bm. Calabrigo, and by unanimous vote the Board approved the Finance Committee recommendation to authorize the Executive Director to negotiate a cost sharing plan for the Walton Lane site in Antioch with the City of Antioch.

9.4 Provide Direction on Purchase of Consoles for Alameda and Contra Costa Radio Shops

Director McCarthy presented the Staff Report and advised this purchase would provide a console in each of the Counties' radio shops so they can use them when they did updates to equipment and not have to displace a dispatcher from their console. The Authority had received grant money to fund the purchase of \$143,000.

On motion of Bm. Calabrigo, seconded by Bm. Mulligan the Board adopted **Resolution No. 20-04** Approving the Purchase of Dispatch Consoles for Alameda and Contra Costa County Radio Shops and Authorizing the Chair to Execute and the Executive Director to Submit A Request For Reimbursement to the Bay Area Urban Areas Security Initiative.

On motion of Bm. Perkins, seconded by Bm. McBain and by unanimous vote, the Board adopted **Resolution No. 20-05** Adopting and Implementing an Adjustment to Administrative Budget for Fiscal Year 2019/2020.

10. Committee Updates:

10.1 Receive Informational Report on Recent Finance Committee Activities

Bm. Casten stated that they had discussed Items 9.1-9.4 and also discussed upcoming items.

10.2 Receive Informational Report on Recent Operations Committee Activities

Chair Ahern stated the Operations Committee discussed the same items stated above, and infrastructure and technology and how it would be covered in the 10-Year Plan.

11. Reports:

11.1 Receive an Update on the Time Division Multiple Access (TDMA) Upgrade

Director McCarthy stated they were on time to finish the upgrade on June 30, 2020. There might be some issues with a couple of the fire stations in Contra Costa County but they would work through them.

11.2 Receive Information on The City of Benicia Joint Powers Agreement

Director McCarthy stated all the Contra Costa County police chiefs had agreed to contribute to enter into an agreement with a consultant to form the Solano County radio system JPA. They are also building a tower to use with the Solano County radio system.

11.3 Receive Information on the City of Newark New Police Building

Director McCarthy stated City of Newark was building a new police station and he informed them the Authority was not paying for any relocation of equipment costs.

12. Board Comments:

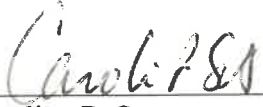
Chief Meyer stated they were being sued by PG&E regarding a recent ordinance in regard to overseeing the work PG&E is doing in high hazard areas..

Oakland Fire Chief White will be leaving the City of Oakland.

13. Next Action Steps: None.

14. Adjournment:

With no further business coming before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:48 a.m.



Caroline P. Soto
Authority Secretary