



## ***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, 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

### **OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING**

#### **REGULAR MEETING**

**DATE: February 21, 2020**

**TIME:** 9:30 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: 9:38 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  
P. Mulligan, Chief of Inspectors, Contra Costa District Attorney  
J. Tudor, Police Chief, City of San Leandro

##### **Staff:**

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

##### **Public:**

N. Chief Innovation Officer, Vallejo;  
A. Cardwell, Assistant City Manager, Vallejo  
G. Poole, Motorola

#### **2. Public Comments (Meeting Open to the Public):**

No comments were made at this time on items that were not on the agenda.

#### **3. Approve the Minutes of the November 8, 2019, Regular Operations Committee Meeting**

On motion of Bm. Nice, seconded by Bm. Simmons and by unanimous vote, the Operations Committee approved the minutes of the November 8, 2019 Regular Operations Committee meeting.

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**4. Provide Direction regarding the City of Vallejo Request to Join EBRCSA Made at the December 4, 2019, Board of Directors Meeting**

Director McCarthy presented the Staff Report and advised the City of Vallejo was requesting to join the East Bay Regional Communications System Authority (EBRCSA) as a user, as its radio system was not working properly. There would be no capital outlay by the Authority. The City of Vallejo understands that it would purchase all necessary equipment. Coverage with Authority radios had been tested and it worked well, except in the area of Hiddenbrooke in Vallejo. The Solano Sheriff and all Police Chiefs in Solano County had agreed to hire Mirror Consulting to work on a JPA for a Solano County radio system. Solano County was now building their own radio system. This would be a temporary measure for the City of Vallejo. The Authority would not build any sites and no repeaters would be put in. The City had upgraded its consoles. Their routers will work with the radio System's core here. Vallejo understands it will not be 100 percent coverage. If it builds a new site, the City will have to get frequency for that site, which is difficult right now. Vallejo will apply for any frequency needed. The understanding is all equipment will belong to Vallejo and moved to the Solano County radio system once it was up and working. Director McCarthy was asking for a recommendation to take it to the full Board for consideration. The recommended rates would be \$45 per radio per month, plus a \$200 one-time fee per radio.

The Boardmembers and Director McCarthy discussed the rates and the length of the agreement – two years minimum. It would impact the Turquoise and Contra Costa Central sites. They wanted to ensure that there would be sufficient capacity and would not impact any member agencies. With the TDMA upgrade, which will be completed by June 2020, capacity will double from 20,000 users to 40,000 users. There should be zero impact to any member agencies. Vallejo would be using approximately 300 radios x \$45 per radio, per month x 12 months, plus \$200 per radio buy-in.

Naveed Ashraf, Chief Innovation Officer, Vallejo; provided public comment.

On motion of Bm. Nice, seconded by P. Mulligan and by unanimous vote, the Operations Committee agreed to forward the request by the City of Vallejo to join the EBRCSA radio system, to the full Board for consideration.

**5. Provide Direction on Contract with CSI for Capitol Replacement Project**

Director McCarthy presented the Staff Report and advised that this item would consider selecting a contractor to provide the Authority a 10-Year Capital Replacement Plan. He had received a quote for \$600,000 from IdeasInspired, and a quote of \$133,740 from CSI.

On motion of Bm. Nice, seconded by Bm. Mulligan and by unanimous vote, the Operations Committee agreed to recommend to the full Board, the selection of CSI to provide a 10-Year Capital Replacement Plan.

**6. Provide Direction on Simulcast Site Addition to Walton Lane**

Director McCarthy presented the Staff Report and advised that at the direction of the Board, he had been looking for a site to improve the coverage of the James Donlon/Walton Lane area in Brentwood. After researching four alternate sites, the best alternative was to provide a trailer with outriggers on it, between



the current Antioch shelter and another shelter. He had informed Antioch Police the Authority was not going to pay for electrical, shelter and the lease of the land should be paid by the City of Antioch and the other agencies in the area that benefit from the coverage. The Authority could pay for the shelter and the equipment. Motorola has estimated the cost for the Simulcast Site, which includes a four-bay outdoor equipment cabinet, to be \$1,065,845. This a Finance Committee item, but it will go to the full Board for consideration. It is an Operational Committee item in that it will improve coverage in the James Donlon area in Antioch.

On motion of Bm. Nice, seconded by Bm. Mulligan and by unanimous vote, the Operations Committee agreed to move forward to the full board for consideration, a discussion to improve coverage at the James Donlon area in Antioch to improve public safety coverage and reception, with the consideration of determining Antioch's responsibility, and assuring its benefit to other member agencies, such as Contra Costa County Fire, East Bay Regional Park District, Ambulance, Sheriff's Office.

**7. Provide Direction on Purchase of Consoles for Alameda and Contra Costa Radio Shops**

On motion of Bm. Simmons, seconded by Bm. Luby and by unanimous vote, the Operations Committee agreed to move forward to the full Board for consideration, the purchase of consoles for Alameda and Contra Costa Radio Shops.

**8. Provide Direction on Changing the Meeting Start Time of the Operations Committee Meeting**

Bm. Ahern stated this item would help regularly start the Operations Committee on time, 10:00 a.m.

On motion of Bm. Nice, seconded by Bm. Simmons and by unanimous vote, the Operations Committee agreed to change the start time of the Operations Committee meetings from 9:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

**9. Receive an Update on EBRCSA Microwave Upgrade and Transition to Multiprotocol Label Switching (MPLS)**

Director McCarthy presented the Staff Report and advised that he had received a quote from Aviat and Motorola, which had both been reviewed by CSI Engineering. Additional information would be provided by both Aviat and Motorola. This would be brought to the Operations and Finance Committee for recommendation to the full Board for consideration.

**10. Receive an Update on the City of Benicia and Joint Powers Agreement**

Director McCarthy stated that the agencies in Solano County had agreed to hire a consultant to work on its JPA, of which Benicia will join once it is up and running.

**11. Discussion on New Police Building for the City of Newark**

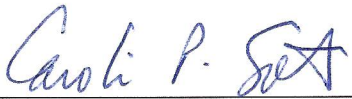
Director McCarthy stated he explained to the City of Newark that they would need to pay for relocation of its tower and radio equipment.

**12. Agenda Items for Next Meeting:**

Wildfire Meeting Update

### 13. Adjournment

With no further business coming before the Operations Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 10:33 a.m.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Caroline P. Soto" with a stylized star or flourish at the end.

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Caroline P. Soto  
Authority Secretary