

East Bay Regional Communications System Authority



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FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

REGULAR MEETING

DATE: February 16, 2024

TIME: 11:00 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 meeting of the Finance Committee was held on Friday, February 16, 2024. The meeting was called to order at 11:01 a.m.

Committee Members Present:

J. Calabrigo, Town Manager, Town of Danville
T. Dupuis, Chief Information Officer/Registrar of Voters, Alameda County
P. Meyer, Chief, San Ramon Valley Fire Protection District
S. Perkins, Councilmember, City of San Ramon
M. Shorr, Chief Information Officer, Contra Costa County
C. Silva, City Councilmember, City of Walnut Creek
L. Smith, City Manager, City of Dublin

Staff Present:

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

- 2. Public Comments:** None.
- 3. Approval of Minutes of November 17, 2023, Finance Committee Meeting**

On motion of Bm. Shorr, seconded by Bm. Silva and by unanimous vote, the Finance Committee approved the minutes of the November 17, 2023 Finance Committee meeting.

- 4. BART Master License Agreement Amendment No. 2 and West Walnut Creek Site License**

Executive Director McCarthy stated BART informed him they are going to put cellular antennas on the towers at BART and this raised the question of who owned the towers.

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In 2010, Supervisor Mitchoff and EBRCSA Executive Director McCammon agreed EBRCSA would build three towers for BART; one in Walnut Creek, one in East Dublin and one in Warm Springs in exchange for access to BART's fiber. All three were built by EBRCSA and listed under a master license agreement to be the property of BART, but the paperwork was never completed. EBRCSA and BART have spent the last several months trying to verify this. They found signed copies of a master license agreement but they had to do site agreements for each one of the sites. The paper work has now been cleaned up to show BART ownership. In regard to BART wanting to put cellular antennas on the towers, cellular does not go well with radio on the tower. BART's real estate department has entered into an agreement with Dish Network to utilize BART's towers. EBRCSA had BART provide information to determine if it is going to cause interference with EBRCSA's radio sites. If there are any problems, the Executive Director will go to the FCC. This site license agreement now puts all the paperwork in order regarding ownership of towers by BART, with the agreement that there is to be no interference with EBRCSA communications.

On motion of Bm. Silva, seconded by Bm. Perkins and by unanimous vote, the Finance Committee agreed to recommend to the full Board the adoption of the proposed Resolution to approve Amendment No. 2 to the Master License Agreement ("Amendment No. 2") between the Authority and San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District ("BART") and the West Walnut Creek Site License ("Site License").

5. Radio Interoperability EBRCSA MOU

Executive Director McCarthy stated the City of Milpitas, City of Fremont, and Menlo Park offer Autoaid to each other and they need the ability to switch over to each other's radio channels. There has been a need to give them access to EBRCSA's channels and give EBRCSA access to their channels so they can switch when they are in those other jurisdictions for further resources. It is cleanup paperwork and to have a better map of the coverage and also keep them in the loop if EBRCSA makes changes. He has worked with the EBRCSA attorney and the other agencies on this agreement.

On motion of Bm. Silva, seconded by Bm. Perkins and by unanimous vote, the Finance Committee agreed to recommend to the full Board the approval of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Cities of Milpitas, Menlo Park, Fremont, and East Bay Regional Communications System Authority regarding Radio Interoperability (EBRCSA), with the addition of the Silicon Valley Interoperability Authority.

6. Aviat Professional Services Agreement

Executive Director McCarthy stated as the microwave system was being rebuilt and replaced, the agreement with Aviat was allowed to lapse. This agreement includes advance part replacement. This means radio shops have replacement parts on their shelves, they can use those parts to replace old/damaged ones as needed, then mail the damaged part back to Aviat and they repair and return them to EBRCSA or provide a replacement part. This also includes technical or on-site support, as needed. The agreement cost has gone down as this is all new equipment. This is a six-year agreement.

On motion of Bm. Silva, seconded by Bm. Calabrigo and by unanimous vote, the Finance Committee agreed to recommend to the full Board to enter into an agreement with Aviat Care for Services & Support.

7. Updates on East Bay Regional Commination System Projects

- Encryption

Executive Director McCarthy stated he has had the first meeting with the Alameda County Sheriff's Office and a Sheriff's Captain has been assigned to oversee the encryption for that office. The City of Oakland is going to encrypt their radios. You do not encrypt as you used to. Whatever your talk group is, Channel 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5, if it is encrypted, it is encrypted. The talk group is encrypted. If you are Alameda County, you have a lot of different talk groups. They will have to use their interop channels, 1 through 3 when they need to speak to each other. They will end up encrypting everything and then they are going to have to put it all back where everyone can speak to each other again. He plans on going to the Police Chiefs Association meetings for both Alameda and Contra Costa Counties to get the conversations going.

- Microwave/Ethernet/MPLS Project Update

The Oakland Housing Authority will be the last microwave to be set. He has spare parts to go to Alameda County and Contra Costa County radio shops.

- The City of Antioch Site on Walton Lane

The City of Antioch is not renewing its lease with American Tower, which is on Antioch land. The Executive Director will go look at the American Tower site to see if they will let EBRCSA put equipment in their shelter and on their tower and not go through the City of Antioch.

- Wiedemann Project San Ramon

The Wiedemann Project in Norris Canyon is being completed. There are a couple of punch list items. It is up and running.

- Update Search for Executive Director Position

The Interim Executive Director appointment recommendation will come to the Board at the March 1, 2024 Board meeting.

- Central Cell Outage February 5, 2024

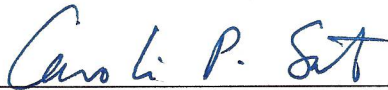
Executive Director McCarthy stated EBRCSA had an outage on February 5, 2024. PG&E went down and took out Central Contra Costa County. When PG&E went down, it knocked out the generator and a cell in the battery system for the microwave. The generator burned and destroyed the automatic transfer switch. The battery for the generator blew one of the cells out breaking the connectivity. They had batteries for the microwave that were going to go into the Pearl site and used those to get the microwave back up. Some areas were out for more than four hours. They got generator powered up. Whatever power surge came through only took out the automatic transfer switch. It did exactly what it

was meant to do. There was a question as to notification to chiefs of the outage. Dispatchers are notified when the System goes down and they in turn can notify their supervisors and chiefs. There will be an after-incident report which will include notification protocols.

8. Agenda Items for Next Meeting

- Contra Costa County MOU
- Budget Rates

9. Adjournment: With no further business coming before the Finance Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 12:02 p.m.



Caroline P. Soto
Authority Secretary