



## **East Bay Regional Communications System Authority**



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### **OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING**

#### **NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING**

**DATE: February 22, 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**

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##### **1. Call to Order/Roll Call**

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. Meyer, Fire Chief, San Ramon Valley Fire Authority  
J. Tudor, Police Chief, San Leandro Police  
J. Vorhauer, Assistant Sheriff, Contra Costa County Sheriff's Office

##### **Staff:**

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

##### **Public:**

William Pigeon, Assistant Fire Chief – Communications, Contra Costa County Fire Protection District  
Charles Stark, Assistant Fire Chief, Contra Costa County Fire Protection District  
Tammany Brooks, Chief, Antioch Police  
Alan Love, Captain, East Bay Regional Parks District  
G. Poole, Motorola

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

No public comments were made.

**3. Approval of Minutes of the August 31, 2018, Operations Committee Meeting**

On motion of Bm. Nice, seconded by Bm. Vorhauer and by unanimous vote, the Operations Committee approved the minutes of the August 31, 2018 Operations Committee Meeting.

**4. 2019 EBRCSA Calendar Committee and Board Meetings**

On motion of Bm. Nice, seconded by Bm. Luby, and by unanimous vote, the Operations Committee approved the 2019 EBRCSA Calendar of Committee and Board meetings for approval by the full Board at the March 1, 2019 Board meeting.

**5. 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 March 1, 2019**

Director McCarthy stated an email would be sent to all members informing them that nominations would be open for consideration at the March 1, 2019 Board meeting. It would include information that both Chair Ahern and Vice Chair Casten were interested in continuing in their current positions for another year.

On motion of Bm. Nice, seconded by Bm. Tudor and by unanimous vote, the Operations Committee agreed to recommend the nominations and elections of the Chair and Vice Chair at the next Board meeting on March 1, 2019.

**6. Amendment to Agreement with California Generator for Scheduled Three-Year Preventative Maintenance, Coolant System Services, and Budget Change**

Director McCarthy presented the Staff Report and advised that this was an informational item for the Operations Committee as the Finance Committee would be voting on it for recommendation to the full Board at the March 1, 2019 Board meeting. This item would provide three-year preventative maintenance on seven generators and would necessitate a budget change order for \$16,845, with California Generator.

**7. Walton Lane Simulcast Site**

Director McCarthy presented the staff report and advised that this item dealt with a coverage issue at Walton Lane in Antioch. Although the City of Antioch did not join the Authority when the System was originally built, the coverage issue still affected Contra Costa County Fire, East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD), EMS/AMR, and the Contra Costa County Sheriff, all working in that area. Antioch subsequently joined the Authority and this coverage issue still exists. This coverage issue had come before the Operations Committee in 2017 but was not approved to move to the full Board for consideration. Director McCarthy had been meeting with the affected agencies, including the City of Antioch and looking at Walton Lane to see what could be done to remedy the coverage issue. Antioch Police had been using their old radio system when they were in that area, which may not be recorded or maintained. One alternative was to



use the City of Antioch's site, tower and shelter to house System equipment. Director McCarthy was looking for approval from the Operations Committee, Finance Committee and the full Board to move forward with investigation and analysis of alternatives, including pricing. He had worked with Contra Costa County Fire Chiefs to write a grant for funds, which was denied. This would be a minimum of \$853,515, just for the equipment. He would work with Antioch to secure their current tower; it would be the quickest, most efficient way to get Antioch on board. He was asking for permission to use CSI for an analytical study, and information from Motorola, in analyzing the possible use of the tower.

Alan Love, Captain, East Bay Regional Parks District, provided public comment in support of the Walton Lane Simulcast site.

Tammany Brooks, Chief, Antioch Police Dept, provided public comment in support of the Walton Lane Simulcast site.

Charles Stark, Assistant Fire Chief, Contra Costa County Fire Protection District, provide public comment in support of the Walton Lane Simulcast site.

William Pidgeon, Assistant Fire Chief - Communications, Contra Costa County Fire Protection District, provided public comment in support of the Walton Lane Simulcast site.

Chief Brooks added, if the Authority agreed to move forward, he would be an advocate for the Authority to the City Manager of Antioch and elected officials as to why they needed to allow the Authority the use of the present Antioch tower site.

Chief McCarthy stated he would bring an item to the full Board regarding a condition of approval the City of San Ramon had with developers in which if they develop, they were responsible to maintain the radio coverage throughout the development. They would pay for power, PG&E, the shelter, towers, etc. Director McCarthy would request permission to meet with all member agency City Managers and County Administrators informing them of this condition of approval.

On motion of Bm. Meyer, seconded by Bm. Nice and by unanimous vote, the Operations Committee agreed to move the item investigating adding a Simulcast Site to Walton Lane in Antioch to the full Board for consideration.

#### **8. Receive an Update on the Time Division Multiple Access (TDMA) Upgrade**

Director McCarthy advised that the Time Division Multiple Access (TDMA) Upgrade was installed. Everyone has been doing well. They would run up to the June 2020 date to complete all work.

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

Director McCarthy advised that the new Faria Reserve development coverage had been inspected was working well.

**10. Receive an Update on Caltrans and Paramedics Plus**

Director McCarthy advised that he was working with Falk Ambulances to include them in the System, as they would be taking the place Paramedics Plus in Alameda County.

Caltrans was an original member and were now asking to be taken off the System and cease to pay debt service. They did pay debt service, but never purchased consoles or radios. They would be building their own radio system.

**11. Future Agenda Items**

Director McCarthy asked that an official evaluation of his services to EBRCSA be completed.

Chair Ahern agreed that he would send out a questionnaire regarding Director McCarthy's evaluation.

**12. Adjournment**

With no further business to come before the Operations Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 10:07 a.m.



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Caroline P. Soto  
Authority Secretary