



East Bay Regional Communications System Authority



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AGENDA ITEM 6.1

DRAFT MINUTES

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

REGULAR MEETING – July 16, 2010

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- 1. CLOSED SESSION:** *None*
 - 2. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL (Regular Session):**

A regular meeting of the East Bay Regional Communications System Authority Board of Directors was held on Friday, July 16, 2010, in the Assembly Room of the Alameda County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Services, 4985 Broder Blvd., Dublin, CA 94568. The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. by Chair Shinn.

PRESENT:

County Representatives: Board members Ahern, Haggerty, Nakao (Alt. for Bm. Muranishi), Rupf, Woo (Alt. for Bm. Twa)

City Representatives: Board members Calabrigo, Hosterman, McNeil, Pattillo, Pollard, Rodriguez, Shinn

Public Safety Representatives: Board members Clancy (Alt. for Bm. Dunbar), Henderson (Alt. for Bm. Maples), McQuiston

Special District Representative: Board member Anderson

ABSENT: Board members: Catalano, Cheeves, Johnson, Santos, Uilkema, Wilson

Also Attending:

Chris Gray (Supervisor Haggerty's Office), Casey Nice, Alameda County Sheriff's Office, Laura Phillips, Bay Area UASI, Heather Tannehill-Plamondon, Bay Area UASI

Staff Present:

Executive Director McCammon, Secretary Lyon

3. REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION: None

4. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

No comments were made by any member of the public at this time.

5. PRESENTATIONS: None

6.1 APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

On motion of Bm. Anderson, seconded by Bm. Pollard, and by unanimous vote, the Board approved the minutes from the June 18, 2010 meeting.

Note: Bm.'s Pattillo and Calabrigo entered the meeting at 10:10 a.m.

7. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS: None

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

9. ACTION ITEMS:

9.1 Receive Report on BayWEB and the Pilot Project from Laura Phillips, General Manager, Bay Area UASI, and Consider Adoption of a Resolution Authorizing the Board Chair to Sign Contract with Motorola Inc. to Purchase the Equipment and Services to Complete the Pilot Project:

Laura Phillips, General Manager, Bay Area UASI provided a twenty minute presentation that included an overview of the Bay Area UASI's efforts to develop broadband capabilities for the 10 Bay Counties through several

initiatives. The Operations Committee received the same presentation last week, and recommended moving forward with the approval of the contract with Motorola to build out the broadband pilot project. Today's staff report covers the in depth details of the presentation.

Note: Bm. Hosterman and Alt. Bm. Woo entered the meeting at 10:15 a.m.

Highlights of today's presentation included an overview of BayRICS and its broadband component BayWEB. The Pilot Project, also known as Project Cornerstone, is an innovative, pioneering, broadband project that will be the first of its kind to be deployed in the nation. It represents an opportunity to build out a 10 site LTE broadband network with 4 sites in San Francisco, 3 sites in Contra Costa County, 2 sites in the South Bay and 1 site in Alameda County.

The Bay Area UASI, in an effort to obtain funding through the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP) led a selection process to obtain a private industry partner. Motorola, the vendor selected, submitted a grant on behalf of the Bay Area to build a 193 site broadband network for the 10 bay counties to provide on street broadband coverage for public safety first responders. Sheriff Ahern was selected as the Executive sponsor and will lead the BayWEB policy group that will ultimately own and operate the broadband network. There has been positive feedback from the NTIA on our application and an answer is expected in August 2010.

If the Board approves to adopt today's Resolution, Alameda County would reimburse the EBRCSA; the Bay Area UASI has approved the funding, and would provide timely reimbursement to Alameda County.

Note: Bm. Haggerty entered the meeting at 10:20 a.m.

Bm. Rupf commented that it is not accidental that Project Cornerstone is a pioneer project in the nation, and commended Laura Phillips for her leadership, and everyone around the table for their collaborative efforts to achieve interoperability.

Bm. Rodriguez asked that Pilot Project progress updates be provided to the Board.

Bm. McNeil asked if there is a plan to also integrate hospitals and school districts in the broadband project. Laura Phillips responded that the BTOP

grant application did consider those needs, and that there is a Public Access component that is planned to be developed later that could include school districts and hospitals.

On motion of Bm. Rupf, seconded by Bm. Ahern, and by unanimous vote the Board Adopted Resolution 10- 10 Authorizing the Board Chair to Sign a Contract with Motorola Inc. to Purchase the Equipment and Services to Complete the Pilot Project.

9.2 Consider Adopting a Resolution to approve the Patterson Pass Communication Repeater Facility:

Director McCammon reviewed that a Resolution (Resolution 10-4) was passed to adopt the Mitigated Negative Declaration and related Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program for Patterson Pass at the June 18, 2010 Board Meeting. At that meeting, Bm. Calabrigo raised the question about approving the project at the same time. Stopwaste.org has now requested that the Board approve the Patterson Pass Communication Repeater Facility Project before they take any action to approve a lease agreement with the Authority. Today's staff report outlines the project in detail.

On motion of Bm. Calabrigo, seconded by Bm. Haggerty, and by unanimous vote, the Board Adopted Resolution 10-11 to Approve the Patterson Pass Communication Repeater Facility.

10. COMMITTEE UPDATES:

10.1 Receive Informational Update on Recent Finance Committee Activities from Director McCammon:

The Finance Committee did not meet in July.

10.2 Receive Informational Update on Recent Operations Committee Activities from Committee Director McCammon:

The Operations Committee received and discussed a presentation from Laura Phillips, Bay Area UASI on the BayWEB Pilot Project, and approved moving forward with recommending consideration of this project today.

11. REPORTS:

11.1 Receive Verbal Overview of System Financing Efforts:

Director McCammon overviewed some of the key points of the system financing efforts. A financing overview bullet point summary was also distributed. The finance team that includes financial staff from both counties has determined that the EBRCSA needs to obtain 18 million in bond proceeds, in combination with grants, to complete the build out as planned. The most cost effective approach is to increase the size of the two counties' individual issuances underway for their own projects, to also fund the EBRCSA project. The EBRCSA will issue private bonds to the two counties to access the proceeds; there will be 3 years of capitalized interest. The counties have agreed to an approximate 60/40 split based on the number of radios for jurisdictions in each county. The plan is for the EBRCSA to maintain a reserve to provide mitigation for the counties in the case of nonpayment by a member agency, and other contingencies. The EBRCSA will enter into operating agreements with member agencies at a determined subscriber rate, estimated to be \$40 per month per radio.

The Board generally discussed the financing efforts. Director McCammon, along with representatives from Orrick and KNN, plan to begin meeting with the City Managers' Associations of both counties to overview the financing plan, and also to get an idea of how many agencies plan to pay up front. Updates are also planned to be presented to the Mayors' Associations of both counties.

11.2 Receive Verbal Update on Grants PSIC, SHSGP, UASI: None

11.3 Receive Verbal and Written Update on Infrastructure Implementation:

Director McCammon provided an update that included that the Microwave connectivity for the Contra Costa County West Cell has been established. Alt. Bm. Woo estimated that the radios will be working on the West Cell by September; coverage testing is currently taking place. When finalized, media coverage will be pursued. The Alameda County East Cell is progressing; site work is expected to be completed at Patterson Pass, Warm Springs, and East Dublin BART in three months.

12. BOARD COMMENTS: None

13. NEXT ACTION STEPS:

14. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m. The next regular Board meeting is scheduled for August 20, 2010 in the Third Floor Conference of the City of Walnut Creek, 1666 North Main Street, Walnut Creek, CA 94596.

APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE EAST BAY REGIONAL COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM AUTHORITY THIS ____ DAY OF _____, 200x.

Respectfully submitted,



Susan Lyon
Authority Secretary

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