



East Bay Regional Communications System Authority



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AGENDA ITEM 3

MINUTES

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

REGULAR MEETING – April 3, 2009



1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL:

A regular meeting of the East Bay Regional Communications System Authority Operations Committee was held on April 3, 2009, in Room 1013 at the Alameda County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Services, 4985 Broder Boulevard, Dublin, California. The meeting was called to order at 9:45 a.m.

PRESENT: *Committee members Ahern, Casten (Alt for Cm. Rupf), Cody, Kirkland, McQuiston, Richter and Roderick*

ABSENT: *None*

Staff Present:

Executive Director Bill McCammon and Secretary Fawn Holman

2. Comments from the Public

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

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes

On motion of Cm. Roderick, seconded by Cm. Richter and by unanimous vote, the Committee approved the minutes of the March 6, 2009, Regular Operations Committee meeting.

4. Discuss the Draft EBRCSA Business/Operational Plan, Review and Approve Plan Elements, and Make Recommendation for Board Consideration and Approval

Executive Director McCammon distributed a list of draft Business/Operational Plan Elements and advised that, at its March 6, 2009 meeting, the Operations Committee had reviewed the proposed categories and elements of the draft Business/Operational Plan. Per Committee recommendation at that time, the following items were added to the draft: an introduction that includes historical background of the EBRCSA; an element allowing for the potential consolidation of dispatch centers; and an element developing a policy for console ownership, replacement and upgrades. Staff recommended that the Committee approve the draft plan elements and forward to the Board for consideration and approval at its April 17, 2009 meeting.

Cm. Casten advised that he had not had the opportunity to review the draft document and asked for additional comment time.

Executive Director McCammon agreed and asked all Committee members to forward additional comments to him at their earliest convenience.

5. Discuss an Approval Process for Grant Allocations Used to Support Infrastructure Build Out, and Provide Executive Director with Direction regarding Next Steps, if Necessary

Executive Director McCammon distributed and reviewed a draft Scope of Work and Grant Allocation Funding Approval Process Policy, which was the result of several meetings between he, Chair Shinn, Alt. Bm. Casten and Bms. Calabrigo and Rupf, about the role that the Operations Committee would play in terms of having some review and approval of the infrastructure and how it was being implemented. Executive Director explained the differences how of grant were approved in the two counties.

The Committee and Staff reviewed and discussed the three types of grants that are used for infrastructure development with each county: State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSGP); Bay Area UASI; and Federal Earmarks or other grants given directly to the EBRCSA, and discussed the proposed process related to each. It was noted that the processes identified did not circumvent the authority of the approval bodies established in each county to prioritize the use of homeland security funds. The processes

provided the EBRCSA Operations and Finance Committees an opportunity to develop a scope of work that would outline recommendations as that what will be done with the funding to build the two county system.

On motion of Cm. Kirkland, seconded by Cm. Cody and by unanimous vote, the Committee approved the draft policy and agreed to make a recommendation to the Board for consideration and approval.

6. Discuss 2007 COPS and 2007 SUASI Grant Funding, and Make Recommendation to the Board to Authorize the Purchase of Consoles for Livermore and Pleasanton Police Departments Using 2007 COPS and 2007 SUASI Grant Funding

Executive Director McCammon distributed the staff report and advised that, in order to allow dispatch centers to connect to the EBRCSA, an upgrade and/or replacement of the consoles in the dispatch centers was required. Grant funds have been expended in the past to upgrade the dispatch consoles in the dispatch centers of the current Alameda County system users. In order to bring the Livermore Pleasanton Fire Department and the Livermore and Pleasanton Police Departments onto the system, the dispatch consoles need to be changed. In meeting with Motorola, it was determined that purchasing the new MCC 7500 consoles was a less expensive alternative than attempting to upgrade the existing consoles.

The Committee and staff noted that this action backed up the element in the draft Business/Operational Plan that pertained to EBRCSA ownership of dispatch consoles. The potential need to standardize dispatch consoles equipment, as well as the need to survey member agencies to see what types of consoles were currently being used in both counties, who just upgraded and who was planning an upgrade was also discussed.

On motion of Cm. Kirkland, seconded by Cm. Roderick and by unanimous vote, the Committee agreed to recommend that the Board authorize the purchase of consoles for the Livermore and Pleasanton Police Departments using 2007 COPS and 2007 SUASI grant funding, and directed staff to include language in the staff report that the Operations Committee would be evaluating the console situation and were recommending that the EBRCSA move forward with console upgrades using the MCC 7500 as a standard.

7. Review and Discuss CTA Communications' Work Schedule, and Provide Input to the Executive Director, if Necessary

Executive Director McCammon distributed and reviewed CTA Communications' project status report. CTA anticipated completing Phase II in June 2009 and Phase III in August 2009.

8. Receive Verbal Update of Grants Status (PSIC, COPS, SUASI)

Executive Director McCammon distributed and reviewed a grant reimbursement overview, indicating that he had submitted a \$572,571 reimbursement request to the SUASI. The SUASI subsequently advised that some of the items were not allowable for reimbursement under their grant because the SUASI had used all of its Management & Administration funds, so there was none left for reimbursement for website design, legal counsel and administrative consultant costs. He would work with Alameda and Contra Costa Counties to cover these costs.

Executive Director McCammon advised that, potentially, the EBRCSA would receive \$3.9 million in PSIC grants; however, it has not yet been confirmed. A \$1.17 million earmark had been received, and thank you letters sent to the legislators involved. The earmark will be split 50-50 between the two counties. A \$3 million earmark request had been put in for 09/10 budget cycle.

9. Receive Verbal Update on Status of the Various EBRCSA Projects

Executive Director McCammon distributed and reviewed an updated Infrastructure Phasing Plan.

10. Agenda Items for Next Meeting

- *Member Agency Dispatch Console Inventory*

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m. The next regular Operations Committee meeting is scheduled to be held on May 1, 2009, at 9:30 a.m., at the Alameda County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Services, 4985 Broder Boulevard, Dublin, CA 94568.

APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE EAST BAY REGIONAL
COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM AUTHORITY OPERATIONS
COMMITTEE THIS 1st DAY OF MAY 2009.

Respectfully submitted,

Fawn Holman
Secretary