



# **East Bay Regional Communications System Authority**



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## **FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING**

### **REGULAR MEETING**

**DATE: February 22, 2019**

**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: 11:01 a.m.**

#### **Committee Members Present:**

M. Casten, Undersheriff, Contra Costa County Sheriff's Office  
J. Calabrigo, Town Manager, Town of Danville  
T. Dupuis, Chief Information Officer, Alameda County  
S. Perkins, Councilmember, City of San Ramon  
D. Twa, County Administrator, Contra Costa County

#### **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): None.**

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

On motion of Bm. Perkins, seconded by Bm. J. Calabrigo and by unanimous vote, the Finance Committee approved the minutes of the August 31, 2018 Finance Committee meeting.

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

Director McCarthy stated this is an informational item only. The Operations Committee had approved the 2019 EBRCSA Calendar for Committee and Board meetings for consideration by the full Board.

**5. The EBRCSA is seeking 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 this item would be considered by the full Board at the March 1, 2019 Board meeting.

**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 item would provide three-year preventative maintenance on seven generators and would necessitate a budget change order for \$16,845, with California Generator. This expense would become part of the scheduled maintenance. The System had seven generators, Contra Costa County would provide the number of generators they maintained, and Alameda had several other generators for which the GSA covered maintenance costs.

Bm. Calabrigo suggested that this maintenance line item be added to the Capital replacement schedule.

On motion of Bm. Twa, seconded by Bm. Dupuis and by unanimous vote, the Finance Committee agreed to forward to the full Board for consideration, the amendment to Agreement with California Generator for Scheduled Three-Year Preventative Maintenance.

**7. Walton Lane Simulcast Site**

Director McCarthy presented the staff report and advised that this item would provide a site for the James Donlan area in Antioch that presently had no System coverage. Although the City of Antioch did not come on the System from the beginning, but it was an oversight by the Authority for users of the System that had been members of the Authority from day one – Contra Costa Fire, Contra Costa County Sheriff, East Bay Regional Parks District and American Medical Response. He was now asking for assistance for this area. With Contra Costa County Fire, he sought a SHSGP grant but was denied. The Operations Committee approved the Walton Lane site for further cost

analysis and feasibility for placement of a System site. This site was currently owned by the City of Antioch.

Bm. Calabrigo asked about the City of Antioch's position on the use of their site.

Director McCarthy stated CSI was looking at this site, and they and Motorola believed this was the best option. This would be replacing a known site with upgraded equipment. He would ask to take over the Antioch site at no cost; not a lease, but for them to turn over the site to the Authority. The Chief of Police of Antioch, Tammany Brooks, had offered to work with the Executive Director to speak to the City Manager and elected officials. The cost for the equipment that would go in the shelter is \$853,515.

Bm. Casten asked if there were antennas on the tower.

Director McCarthy stated they might have to change out the antenna but would be saving money by using what was on the site.

Bm. Perkins asked where the money would come from.

Director McCarthy stated the money would come from Capital Reserve. As communities are growing, he was going to ask the Board for permission to meet with City Managers and County Administrators to discuss San Ramon's condition of approval for development. If a developer's project interferes or changes radio coverage to less than 95% of current coverage, the developer has to pay for the building of radio infrastructure. As cities are changing/growing, the coverage could be affected. He was looking for support to work on the Antioch project to establish the final cost, and work on negotiations with the City of Antioch on this site.

Bm. Calabrigo stated if there was a site in the City of Antioch that could work for the Authority, he would have an expectation that Antioch would work with the Authority to get the site.

Tammany Brooks, Chief, City of Antioch Police Department, provided public comment in support of the Walton Lane Simulcast Site.

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

William Pigeon, Assistant Fire Chief – Communications, Contra Costa County Fire Protection District, provided public comment in support of the Walton Lane Simulcast Site.

Chuck Stark, Operations Contra Costa Fire, provided public comment in support of the Walton Lane Simulcast Site.

Bm. Twa, seconded by Bm. Perkins and by unanimous vote, the Finance Committee approved for recommendation to the full Board, further investigation and discussion into the solution for improving radio communication in Antioch, specifically the area of James Donlon Blvd.

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

Director McCarthy stated the TDMA Upgrade was going well and on track to be completed by June 2020.

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

Director McCarthy advised that the Faria Preserve development radio reception had no issues and was working well.

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

Falk Ambulance was taking over the ambulance service for Alameda County. They are currently a System member. He needed to terminate the agreement with Paramedics Place.

CalTrans is building their own radio system so they will no longer be part of the Authority. They have paid debt service since day one. This would not affect debt service amounts. They had no radios, only paid into debt service. He would work with the Authority's legal counsel to see what needed to be done to release them from the JPA.

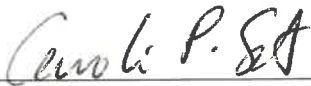
**11. Future Agenda Items**

Director McCarthy asked for an official evaluation/contract renewal.

The Finance Committee asked that an item be added to give an update on the Capital Replacement report.

**12. Adjournment**

With no further business coming before the Finance Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 11:47 a.m.



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Caroline P. Soto  
Authority Secretary