



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



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### **OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING**

#### **REGULAR MEETING**

**DATE: November 21, 2025**

**TIME:** 10:00 a.m.

**PLACE:** Alameda County Office of Emergency Services  
Room 1013  
4985 Broder Blvd., Dublin, CA 94568

### **MINUTES**

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

Chair King called the meeting to order at the hour of 10:00 a.m.

Present: J. King, J. Aguiar, M. Casten, M. Nichelini, R. Filice

#### **2. Public Comments: None.**

#### **3. Approval of Minutes of August 15, 2025, Operations Committee Meeting**

On motion of Bm. Filice, seconded by Bm. Nichelini, and by unanimous vote, the Operations Committee approved the minutes.

#### **4. Recommend Proposed Contract Renewal for CSI Telecommunications**

Executive Director Swing notated a correction from the agenda report that the current contract expired June 30, 2025 and the request is for a contract extension to June 30, 2027. This does not change the rate. He noted that the business will be transferred to a new ownership and when the item is presented to the Board of Directors meeting in December it may have a different entity name.

On motion of Bm. Filice, seconded by Bm. Aguiar, and by unanimous approval, the Operations Committee approved recommending the contract extension for the remainder of the fiscal year, including if the company changes name, for the Board of Directors meeting in December.

## 5. Recommend Committee Meeting Format

Executive Director Swing requested feedback from the committee regarding preference for future committee meeting formats, recognizing that the SB 707 updates and impacts will be provided by the Authority's legal counsel at the next Board of Director's meeting.

The Operations Committee's consensus is a preference for in-person meetings with option for hybrid virtual participation as a back-up alternative option.

## 6. System Status Report

Executive Director Swing reported that the system still has plenty of capacity. He noted that in the chart showing the highest utilization by site, the Vallejo sites have the highest utilization because they have the fewest computers and channels. However, both Vallejo and Benicia will be leaving EBRCSA by the end of this fiscal year, June 30, 2026, to join Solano County. EBRCSA will no longer be responsible for the sites, consoles and equipment, but will retain interoperability. This will reduce the overall utilization rates.

The committee inquired whether the signal will degrade with the loss of the sites and impact to services for the northern Contra Costa cities. Executive Director Swing will circle back with Contra Costa's radio shops and Motorola to check if there will be any signal degradation impacts.

## 7. East Bay Regional Communication System Updates

- **The City of Antioch Site on Walton Lane** – The Land Lease Agreement was approved by City of Antioch for 30 years, an 80-foot tower, and other public safety antennas will be allowed to be installed. There will be an application submitted to the Antioch Planning Commission before the site can be constructed. The shelter will be stored and delivered to Bigge Crane.
- **Pearl Radio Shelter** – Executive Director Swing reported he is waiting for approvals from PG&E for design modifications to move the shelter to a different pedestal. He is working with EBMUD to locate a temporary shelter within their fenced area. Also, there is a need to upfit the trailer with equipment that was unexpectedly removed. The shelter purchase is anticipated to be brought to the Board for approval at the December meeting for installation around spring or summer 2026.
- **Update on Encryption Activities** - The encryption solution was fully implemented after some unexpected delays that were fully solved. Executive Director Swing will be providing an update as well to the Board at the meeting in December on learnings from this process.
- **Migration Assistance Plan (MAP) Update** – For infrastructure replacement, Motorola recommends an 8-year plan starting in 2026 with a 4% annual escalator which is a shorter and more expensive timeframe than the Authority's initial timeline assessment. Executive Director Swing is examining the escalator and reconsideration of all sites.

- **Executive Director Contract Update** – This item will be presented at the next Board meeting as a matter of formality to update the business name, with no other terms changing.
- **Radio Over Cell Phone Systems** – Executive Director Swing is considering a pilot project with several EBRCSA agencies to evaluate use of this type of technology. Some system usage and security technicalities will need to be assessed.

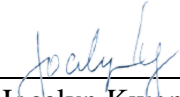
The committee expressed support for this, with consideration that these should only be on publicly owned devices.

- **Loss of Vallejo and Benecia as system users** – Both cities will likely be separated from the Authority by the end of the current fiscal year which will reflect as a loss in subscriber fees.
- **GPS on Portable Radios** – The radios are currently only on XY coordinates. The Executive Director is engaging in discussions for one time licensing costs with Motorola to enable the feature, since new radios already have the technology installed and wouldn't be an additional user cost.

**8. Agenda Items for Next Meeting**

Executive Director Swing said there will be an election of new Board Chair and Vice Chair at the next Board of Director's meeting.

- 9. Adjournment:** There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

  
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Jocelyn Kwong  
Authority Secretary