

**"EXHIBIT 2"**

**RESOLUTION NO. 00-01**  
**STATEMENT OF OVERRIDING CONSIDERATIONS**  
**Marin Public Safety and Emergency Communications System**

- I. WHEREAS significant direct or indirect impacts of the Proposed Project, including cumulative impacts, are identified in the project EIR, and whereas, for some of those impacts there are no feasible mitigation measures or alternatives, thus making them unavoidable significant impacts of the Proposed Project. Therefore, the Board of Directors finds that these unavoidable significant impacts are subject to CEQA §21081(a)(3).
- II. These significant direct or indirect unavoidable impacts of the Proposed Project, including cumulative impacts, will not be mitigated to a less-than-significant level, and the Proposed Project presents the benefits discussed below. Therefore, the Board of Directors, in accordance with CEQA §21081(b), finds that, on balance, specific overriding economic, legal, social, technological, or other benefits outweigh the identified significant environmental impacts of the Proposed Project, and therefore such significant environmental impacts are acceptable. The Board of Directors further finds that these benefits warrant approval of the Proposed Project despite the fact that such significant environmental impacts might be avoided or reduced through the choice of one of the alternatives to the Proposed Project.
- III. The Board of Directors finds that the Proposed Project, subject to the mandatory mitigation and monitoring measures and recommended conditions of approval, generally exemplifies the positive planning goals and objectives of the County, Cities and Special Districts represented on the Marin Emergency Radio Authority Board of Directors including, but not limited to, the following reasons:
  - A. The Proposed Project will result in improved public services as encouraged by the Marin Countywide Plan, the San Rafael General Plan, the Tiburon General Plan, the Mill Valley General Plan, the Novato General Plan, the Sonoma Countywide Plan, and the governing Local Coastal Programs.
  - B. The Proposed Project will ensure proper management of the developed environment and protect important features of the natural environment and available resources, providing a healthful, safe, quiet environment to the maximum extent practicable.
  - C. The Proposed Project will be located in areas that are already developed with convenient access to public roads.
  - D. Proposed site grading has been designed to maintain the natural appearance of all sites. Site drainage will be improved to control erosion, improve water quality, and enhance associated habitat. Prominent, natural features will be retained, including wooded knolls, rock outcroppings, trees, and watercourses. Existing vegetation and wildlife habitats will also be preserved.
  - E. The Proposed Project will not reduce the area of any existing property that had previously been preserved as permanent open space through the dedication of a private conservation easement and/or fee title dedication to the Marin County Open Space District and/or Pt. Reyes National Seashore.

The Board of Directors finds that these general benefits outlined above fit into the larger context of positive planning goals and objectives of the County, Cities and Special Districts that are

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represented on the MERA Board of Directors. Accordingly, the Statement of Overriding Considerations contained in Finding IV below sets forth the specific benefits of the Proposed Project.

- IV. The following specific economic, legal, social, technological, or other benefits warrant approval of the Proposed Project notwithstanding its significant visual impacts which are not able to be mitigated at the preferred site on the Martinelli Property to a less-than-significant level. Specifically, the Proposed Project will bring social, safety and medical benefits to Marin County through operation of an emergency communication system dedicated to providing communication between all emergency service providers in the County of Marin. Law enforcement, fire, and health care (Paramedics) providers will have enhanced ability to communicate as a result of implementing this system. The project will bring together outstanding technology to enhance daily communication and to substantially improve communication during emergencies