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May 12, 2010

MERA Executive Committee  
c/o Novato Fire Protection District  
95 Rowland Way  
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Agenda Item C-4

Subject: Regional Activities

Dear Executive Committee Members:

On the behalf of MERA and all agencies within the County of Marin, Department of Public Works staff have been actively involved in the following, but not limited to, workgroups, projects and associations. These activities are to ensure that all of our concerns, needs and visions for the future are included in regional initiatives. These regional initiatives are closely tied to future grant initiatives and public safety communications systems projects in the bay area. The participation, implementation and management of these activities have been solely born by Marin County at a cost estimated of \$108,596 over the last years.

**BAYWEB WORKGROUP:**

An initiative to deploy a program that will improve interoperable wireless mobile broadband data communications with in the Bay Area Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) region utilizing 700MHz 4G LTE technology and data frequencies.

Status – A “Request for Information” (RFI) has been released for project, Vender selected, and application for “Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP)” being submitted Federal government.

Official meetings – Once a month with Workgroup and tasking through out the month.

**UASI GOVERNANCE WORKGROUP:**

Workgroup established to draft viable governance documents to facilitate governance structure and policies that will be required to take common communications systems from the implementation phase to the operational phase.

Status – First draft of key points and concerns, with possible solutions has been submitted to the Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) Advisory Committee. This committee is made up of nominated officials for each of the participating 10 Counties.

Official meetings – Once a month with Workgroup and/or as tasking requires.

**UASI FLEETMAPPING WORKGROUP:**

Workgroup to establish a standard framework for fleet maps (talk group templates) that allows for interoperability in the Bay Area.

Status – Working with UASI and consultants. Have draft templates/fleet maps.

Official meetings – Once a month with Workgroup or as tasking requires.

**Bay Area Regional Tactical Emergency Communications (BARTEC)**

Marin County received a grant of approximately \$45,000 of interoperability equipment from the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC). This equipment allows dispatch centers to be patched together for enhanced communications.

Status – Utilizing the grant money from MTC all equipment was ordered, installed and programmed. Coordinating a live test to be done in the near future.

Official meetings – Once a month with Workgroup or as tasking requires.

**NORTHBAY Regional Communications Systems (RCS) Workgroup:**

Marin, Solano, Napa and Solano Counties Communications groups have come together under a “Memorandum of Understanding” (MOU) to look at opportunities in which we can work together. Projects that are presently being addressed include but are not limited to: California Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee (CalSIEC) initiatives, Bay Area Regional Interoperable Communications System (BayRICS), and UASI.

Status – MOU between all counties has been signed. Submitted proposal to CalSIEC for expansion of State interoperable frequency licenses.

Official meetings – Once a month with Northbay RCS and tasking through out the month. Also attend the month UASI Advisory Committee meetings as the Northbay RCS representative.

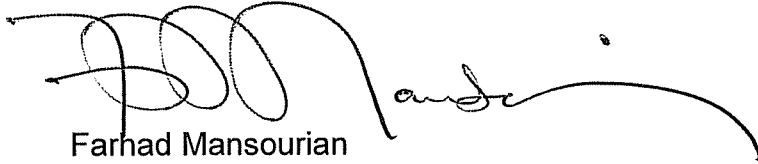
**Region 6 700MHz Regional Planning Committee (RPC) and Northern California Association of Public Safety Communications Officials (NAPCO) FCC Coordination Committee**

Both of these groups are fundamental to the policy and frequency coordination aspects to all of the groups above.

Official meetings – Once a month with Northbay RCS and tasking through out the month.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Farnad Mansourian'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Farnad Mansourian  
Director