

MARIN EMERGENCY RADIO AUTHORITY

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DATE: March 14, 2012
TO: MERA Executive Committee
FROM: Maureen Cassingham, Executive Officer
SUBJECT: AGENDA ITEM **B-2**: PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 5 TO THE JOINT
POWERS AGREEMENT CREATING THE
MARIN EMERGENCY RADIO AUTHORITY
RE: EXECUTIVE BOARD

Recommended Action: Recommend Board approval of Proposed Amendment No. 5 to the Joint Powers Agreement Creating the Marin Emergency Radio Authority regarding an Executive Board.

Background: The attached Proposed Amendment No. 5 to the MERA JPA Agreement for a New Governance Structure has been under development by the Strategic Plan Governance Work Group from February 2011 to-date as directed by the MERA Board with input from the Finance Committee and Outreach Subcommittee. Timeline for completing the GWG's work for the Board action in May is on schedule, per the Strategic Plan's original 18-month goal of June 30, 2012 (see attached Timeline).

The amendment retains MERA Governing Board ultimate control over the Authority as it has currently, while providing for the delegation of day-to-day operations to an Executive Board in accordance with the Governing Board's annual budget and work plan. The intention of the New Governance Structure is to maintain final authority with the Governing Board while streamlining and improving operations and eliminating redundancy of effort, which is the case with the current relationship between the Executive Committee and Board.

The 9-member Executive Board would be comprised of one representative from the County of Marin, Marin County Sheriff, City of San Rafael, City of Novato, Fire Services, Police Departments, Ross Valley Cities and Towns, Southern Marin Cities and Towns and Special Districts, which is similar to the composition of the current Executive Committee.

ATTACHMENTS: Proposed Amendment No. 5 to the Joint Powers Agreement Creating the Marin Emergency Radio Authority

Tentative Timeline: Proposed MERA Joint Powers Agreement No. 5 and Amended and Restated Bylaws Re: Executive Board