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March 14, 2012

MERA Executive Committee 95 Rowland Way Novato, CA 94945

Requests for Waiver of Radio Moratorium Re:

- City of San Rafael
- Marin Transit
- Pro-Transport-1

Dear Directors,

On December 14, 2011, the MERA Board approved an Additional Radios Policy and Procedures for additional radio requests. The above entities are requesting the addition of the following radios:

City of San Rafael 4 1 Marin Transit Pro Transport-1

These requests were vetted through the Operations Issues Work Group, and were found to be consistent with the above policy. Operational concerns that were identified are being addressed on an individual basis. At this time, all of these additional radios should not have a significant negative impact on day to day operations of the MERA system.

The Additional Radios Policy and Procedures requires the entity to pay for these radios and all costs associated with programming and alignment. In addition, training is recommended for all users before the radios are released for use, based on the end user curriculum approved by MERA. Training can be provided by the entity if they have an approved trainer on staff, or provided by Marin County staff with all costs borne by the entity.

As outlined above, the waiver of the radio moratorium for this request, for 9 radios total, is recommended.

Vęγy truly yours,

Craig Tackabery MERA Operations Officer

Attachments

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Diana Bishop Chief of Police POLICE DEPARTMENT

January 24, 2012

Executive Committee
Marin Emergency Radio Authority
3501 Civic Center Drive.
San Rafael, CA 94903

RE: Request to add MERA radios.

Dear Executive Committee:

The San Rafael Police Department is requesting your permission to add four (4) radios to our fleet.

The police department is rotating out of service three unmarked cars that used the portable radio "CVA" alternative to the installed W-series radios.

The new replacement vehicles will require radios for installation. The portable radio units did not adequately serve our needs; therefore we are requesting to add four W-3 radios to the fleet.

In the interim we are shutting down four radios in their place until we are able to answer any questions from the board or are successful in our application process.

Thankyou for your consideration,

Raffaello Pata Lieutenant # 326.

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February 9, 2012

Craig Tackabery Marin Emergency Radio Authority 3501 Civic Center Drive San Rafael, CA 94903

Re: Request to add MERA radio to West Marin Stagecoach Vehicle

board of directors

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steve kinsey president supervisor district 4 Dear Mr. Tackabery:

barbara heller vice president city of san rafael Marin County Transit District (MCTD) is implementing changes to the West Marin Stagecoach service that require the use of one new service vehicle equipped with a mobile MERA radio.

judy arnold 2nd vice president supervisor district 5 MCTD currently uses three portable MERA radios and seven mobile MERA radios for the West Marin Stagecoach Program. With the expanded service hours on Route 68 (connecting San Rafael to Point Reyes and Inverness), there is a need for an additional mobile MERA radio.

susan I. adams director supervisor district 1

Please consider this a request to allow for the programming of one more additional mobile MERA radio. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Archer, Senior Transit Planner, at (415) 226-0867.

madeline kellner director city of novato

katie rice director supervisor district 2

kathrin sears director supervisor district 3 David Rzepinski General Manager

Sincerely,



## DIVISION OF PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

March 1, 2012

Executive Committee Marin Emergency Radio Authority P.O. Box 4055 San Rafael, CA 94913-4055

Re: Request for Waiver

Dear Executive Committee:

On December 7, 2011 MERA's Board approved a waiver on the moratorium for three radios for ProTransport-1 that are required to equip their ambulance fleet as required by County Ordinance. ProTransport has now requested an additional waiver for four more radios. As you may know, all private ambulance providers are required to participate in the 911 system upon request. However, the majority of their business is non-emergency transfers of patients which does not require any use of the MERA system. Since the only anticipated use of MERA radios is via request by the County for a 911 emergency response, the impact on the MERA system for these additional radios remains negligible.

Sincerely,

Miles Julihn, Administrator Marin County EMS Agency





Wednesday, 22 February, 2012

Craig Tackabery
Marin Emergency Radio Authority
95 Rowland Way.
Novato, CA 94945

Re: Request for Additional Radios operating on MERA System

Dear MERA Executive Committee,

ProTransport-1 Ambulance Services formally requests the use of four (4) additional MERA radios and as such, requests a waiver to the memorandum for these radios. As ProTransport-1 is an authorized Marin County ambulance provider, the ability to communicate with the County via the 800MHz system is required by County Ordinance and vital to the health and safety of Marin County residents and visitors.

Use of the radios during normal operations would be insignificant but would increase when requested to run 911 system emergency calls for the benefit of the residents of and visitors to Marin County. Thus, there would not be any negative impact on the MERA System and the overall impact would be negligible.

ProTransport-1 is currently a nonmember user and agrees to compensate the County for any costs associated with programming, alignment, and additional training. ProTransport-1 is also responsible for the purchase of the necessary radio equipment.

Should you require any additional information, please feel free to contact me at any time at the telephone number or email address below.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Tyler B Draeger

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