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Re: Annual Review of MERA Strategic Plan

Dear Directors:

This report supplements a report from Executive Officer Cunningham and provides an update on one of the Plan's original "Seven Strategic Directions for MERA."

Accounting

### 3. System Technology Replacement Plan Development

Airport

The Strategic Plan provided for four options for improvement of the MERA system, and provided that an Operations Advisory Committee of the five largest MERA users, representing Police, Fire, and Public Works to review the options. The Committee completed its work and recommended that MERA implement Option 4 – Replace the complete MERA system with a new 700 MHz system.

Building Maintenance

The Strategic Plan recommends that the Operation Issues Working Group continue to meet to work on technical issues with the existing system. This group continues to meet on a monthly basis.

Capital Projects

Certified Unified Program  
Agency (CUPA)

The Strategic Plan identified five major near and longer-term focuses for system modifications, upgrades and replacement.

Communications  
Maintenance

- Solving current capacity problems and improving capacity.

County Garage

Current capacity was addressed by upgrading the MERA system and improving training. Improved capacity is addressed in the proposed Option 4 referenced above.

Disability Access

- Solving current coverage problems and improving coverage.

Engineering & Survey

Flood Control &  
Water Resources

Land Development

Purchasing

Real Estate

The Executive Board formed a coverage subcommittee to further review opportunities to improve existing coverage, and to discuss what improved coverage could be included in Option 4 referenced above. The amount of improved coverage will be limited by projected future revenues.

Reprographic Services

Road Maintenance

Stormwater Program

Transportation &  
Traffic Operations

Waste Management

- Providing a system that is as interoperable as feasible given MERA member needs.

Addressed in the proposed Option 4.

- Incorporating the most advanced technology available.

Addressed in the proposed Option 4

- As much as possible, avoiding built-in obsolescence.

Addressed in the proposed Option 4

Very truly yours,



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