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DATE: February 26, 2014
TO: MERA Project Oversight Committee
FROM: Dave Jeffries, Special Project Manager
SUBJECT: AGENDA ITEM **D-3**: REPORT ON MERA NEWSLETTERS

Recommended Action: Receive, discuss and file Report on MERA newsletters.

Background:

At this point, MERA has published five newsletters, starting with the March/April 2013 edition. Copies of all five newsletters are attached.

Discussion:

This is an opportunity to provide any feedback or new guidance as we move forward towards the November 2014 election.

The system we use to send out these newsletters, Constant Contact, provides us with data from each e-mail blast. Not including the most recent e-mail, which is too recent to gather complete data at the time this report was authored, the data from the four earlier newsletters and an e-mail blast in regards to the Round I presentation schedule, is below:

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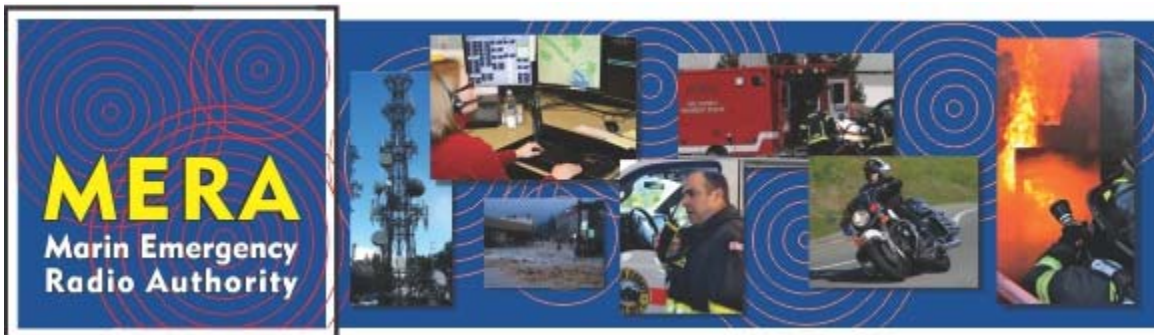
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Attachments:

- Newsletter: March/April, 2013
- Newsletter: May/June, 2013
- Newsletter: July/August, 2013
- Newsletter: December, 2013
- Newsletter: February, 2014
- MERA Presentation Schedule: September, 2013

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MERA Newsletter March/April 2013

With MERA's Next Generation Project just over the horizon, MERA's Project Oversight Committee has started this newsletter to help our members and stakeholders stay informed as the Project and events develop. We welcome your feedback to this and future issues.

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Report from January 16 Workshop

This important workshop was attended by almost every MERA member agency. The current status of MERA's communication system was presented along with a summary of how the next generation system might be financed. The Outreach Plan, which outlines the public education effort for the next gen project and funding leading up to 2014, was also presented and discussed. A first step in the process was conducting a survey to assess the public's response to a potential tax measure. The survey results were presented to the Project Oversight Committee on March 29 (see below)



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and will be shared with MERA's various member boards starting in May.

Actions Taken:

- Adopted the MERA Outreach Executive Summary and Plan as presented with direction to the Executive Board to implement.
- Adopted the Resolution of the MERA Governing Board Declaring the Official Intent to Reimburse Expenditures from the Proceeds of Tax Exempt Securities.

Survey Results Presented March 29

The results of a survey of 600 Marin County residents completed mid-March was the focus for the newly created Next Gen Project Oversight Committee, which met on March 29. The purpose of the survey is to inform the Executive Board and Governing Board about voters' perceptions before they decide whether to place a measure on the ballot to provide revenue for implementing the Next Generation System. This first of two surveys will be very helpful in refining MERA's outreach and communications efforts.

We need your '911 in Action' Photos and Videos

The premier of the next generation MERA video took place at the January 16th workshop. While the video gained favorable reviews, it was noted that the photos and videos of public safety personnel did not represent the full cross-section of MERA member agencies. The video is scheduled to be further edited for presentation to member agency governing bodies, staff and public. If you have photos or videos of your agency that you would like to include in the video, please forward them to Terry Price at tprice@sonic.net. If the files are too large, we will make arrangements for you to post them to DropBox. Contact Terry Price at the email above or 707-696-2116 with any questions.

MERA Meeting Schedule

MERA Executive Board
Wednesday, May 8, 2013
3:30 PM

MERA Governing Board
Wednesday, May 15, 2013
3:30 PM

Meeting location (unless noted otherwise):
Heritage Conference Room
Novato Fire Protection District Administrative Office
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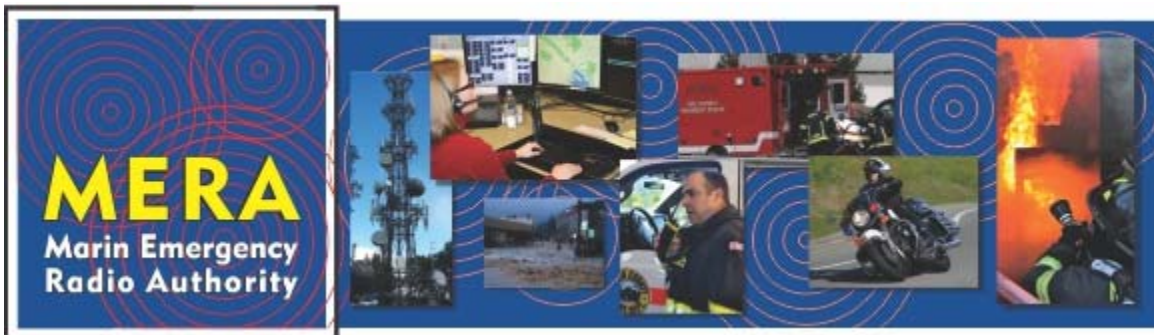
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MERA Newsletter May/June 2013

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New MERA Governing Board President

Richard Pearce has been elected MERA Governing Board President.

Mr. Pearce has served as Fire Chief of the Tiburon Fire Protection for the past eleven years; his career spans more than thirty years in fire and emergency medical services in both the public and private sectors.



As a member of the MERA Governing Board, he has actively participated in the Executive, Governance, Finance, Coverage and Strategic Planning Committees. Richard is committed to the Mission of MERA, its long range success and responsible local governance.

Richard is Vice President of the Fire District Association of California, Board Member of FAIRA (Fire Agency Insurance



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Risk Authority), FASIS (Fire Agency Self Insurance System) and holds the following accreditations and degrees: NREMT-Paramedic, Chief Fire Officer, A/S - Fire Science, B/S - Vocational Education and Master of Business Administration.

He can be contacted through the Tiburon Fire Protection District at 415-435-7200 or rpearce@tiburonfire.org

Project Manager selected for Next Gen Project



MERA is pleased to announce that David Jeffries has been selected as the Special Project Manager for our Next Generation Project. Mr. Jeffries brings a wealth of knowledge and law enforcement experience to this new position. He has served for over thirty years in municipal law enforcement, including time with the Operations Division, Services Division, Patrol Bureau and Investigations Bureau. His service includes various roles in management, investigations, communications, traffic enforcement, and patrol functions.

As a current member of the MERA Operations Issues Work Group and former member of the MERA Technical Advisory Committee, Chair of the MERA Training Committee and Master MERA Trainer, Mr. Jeffries has the hands-on experience and technical expertise needed to move the goals and strategic objectives of MERA's Next Generation Project forward.

Mr. Jeffries currently serves as Captain of the Novato Police Department. He plans to retire in November and fully transition to his new role as the Special Project Manager for the Next Generation Project then, but has already started working in his new role.

If you have any questions or would like to get in touch, contact David Jeffries at dave@jeffriespsc.com.

MERA Meeting Schedule

MERA Project Oversight Committee

Wednesday, May 22, 2013
10:00 AM
Marin Civic Center, Conference Room 315

MERA Finance Committee

Wednesday, July 17, 2013
4:00pm
Marin Civic Center, Conference Room 315

MERA Executive Board

Wednesday, July 24, 2013
2:30 PM



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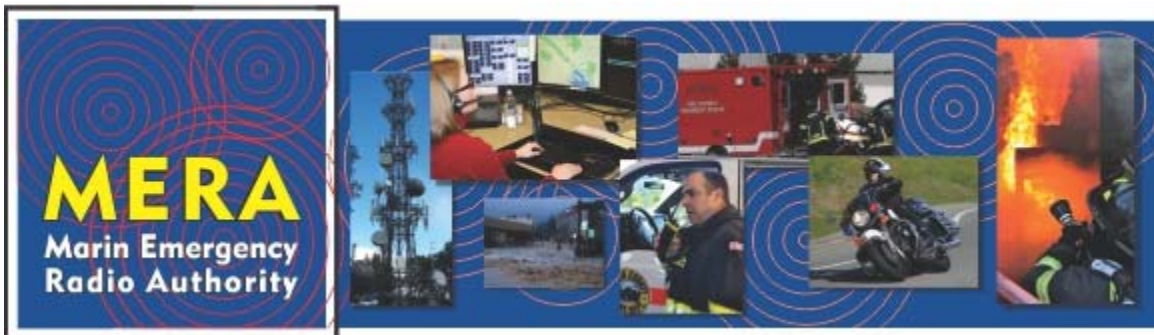
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MERA Starts Rollout of Next Generation Project Presentations to Member Agencies

Marin Board of Supervisors First on List of 25

Starting with the Marin County Board of Supervisors on Tuesday, August 6, MERA launched its presentation of the Next Generation Project. All 25 member agencies are slated to receive the 20-minute presentation that provides details on the proposed communications upgrade project.

The goal of the presentations is to bring all agencies up to speed on the project that may be on the 2014 November ballot and answer any questions that the governing boards



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**Next Generation
Project Presentation
and Study Sessions**

**Presentation
Schedule:**

and councils may have. These presentations are informational only and no decisions or actions are being requested from MERA member agencies at this time.

The presentation to the Board of Supervisors was given by County Administrator Matthew Hymel, Marin County Fire Chief Jason Weber, and MERA Operations Officer Craig Tackabery, with assistance and support from MERA Special Project staff. The presentation was well received and we received excellent feedback from the Marin County Supervisors.

[Read the article](#) from the Marin Independent Journal.

Is Your Agency On the Schedule?

Presentations to all MERA Member Agencies are being scheduled to begin starting now through the beginning of October. If you have any questions regarding scheduling of your agency's Next Gen Project Presentation, please contact MERA Special Project Administrative Assistant Alex Anderson at alexmanderson@me.com.

MERA Committees Hard At Work

The Project Oversight Committee met on July 10 and conducted the following business:

- Reviewed the Finance Committee reports on Next Gen System financing
- Reviewed a draft Feasibility Study on the Next Gen System being authored by Craig Tackabery from Marin County Department of Public Works
- Received an update on member outreach, including the upcoming presentations to the Marin County City Managers Association, a joint meeting of the Marin Police and Fire Chiefs, the Board of Supervisors
- Reviewed the scheduling of future presentations to MERA Agencies
- Reviewed presentation documents and provided feedback to staff.

The Finance Committee met on July 17 and conducted the following business:

- Reviewed MERA Fiscal Reserves
- Reviewed NBS Parcel Tax Study for the Next Gen System
- Discussed Financing Plan for the Next Gen System
- Reviewed Next Gen System Implementation and Project Budget

Next Gen Presentation Given to Managers and Chiefs

- On July 18 MERA staff presented the Next Gen Project to a meeting of the Marin Managers Association, followed by a second presentation to a special joint meeting of the Marin County Police and Fire Chiefs. Both groups provided valuable feedback as we fine-tune the presentation.

City of Novato
August 20, 2013

*Inverness Public
Utility District*
August 21, 2013

*Kentfield Fire
Protection District*
August 21, 2013

*Stinson Beach Fire
Protection District*
August 26, 2013

*Bolinas Fire
Protection District*
August 26, 2013

*South Marin Fire
Protection District*
August 28, 2013

*Note: Presentations to other
Member Agencies will be
announced once confirmed in
our next newsletter.*



Executive Board

- On July 24 the Executive Board met to review updates from the Project Oversight and Finance Committees as well as a review of the draft Feasibility Study. A report on coverage options and site prioritization and a request for additional radios from the Marin County Parks Department was also on the agenda.

A MERA Success Story



A power line fire near Kentfield at the base of Mount Tamalpais started on the 4th of July. Photo by Scott Holland.

During the evening on July 4, a wildland fire was reported on the east side of Mt. Tamalpais. Based on the weather conditions and past assessments, this area had the potential to create a significant and threatening fire. Several fire agencies were immediately dispatched with Marin County Fire resources being dispatched on MERA H2 and then moved to MERA CMD F5 in addition to VHF frequencies.

Law enforcement agencies also began deploying early in the incident, in anticipation of the need to activate the Mutual Threat Zone Plan, with traffic control and evacuation becoming major law enforcement responsibilities. The need of all these first responder agencies to communicate was fully supported by the MERA system.

The event began with communications occurring on MERA SO but MERA BLUE 8 was quickly added for the use of all responding Marin Law Enforcement. The Communications Center also prepared to expand the Law Communications Plan by utilizing MERA BLUE 6, BLUE 7 and BLUE 9 to support evacuation, traffic control, Air-Ops and Command functions. In addition to over 80 fire personnel, this incident also involved over 24 law enforcement personnel.

While the threat was quickly contained, this event demonstrated the interoperability the MERA system provides to our first responders to communicate with each other seamlessly during rapidly developing emergency events.



MERA's Special Project Administrative Assistant

MERA is pleased to announce that Alex Anderson has been selected as the Next Generation Project Administrative Assistant.

A graduate of the University of California at Davis, Alex has over 10 years of experience working in various roles on public policy campaigns and in government relations. Most recently he spent a year serving in the economic division of the United Nations office in Santiago, Chile.

Alex's primary role is to assist MERA's Special Project Manager Dave Jeffries in implementing MERA's Next Generation Project Outreach Plan. He has worked to broaden MERA's communication and outreach, and is currently working to schedule MERA's Next Generation Project Presentation and Study Session with all of MERA's Member Agencies.

If you have any questions please contact Alex Anderson at alexmanderson@me.com.

MERA Meeting Schedule

MERA Project Oversight Committee

Wednesday, August 21, 2013
3:00 PM
Marin Civic Center, Room 410-B

MERA Executive Board

Wednesday, September 11, 2013
3:30 PM
Heritage Conference Room
Novato Fire Protection District Administrative Office

MERA Executive Board

Wednesday, November 13, 2013
3:30 PM
Heritage Conference Room
Novato Fire Protection District Administrative Office

MERA Governing Board

Wednesday, December 11, 2013
3:30 PM
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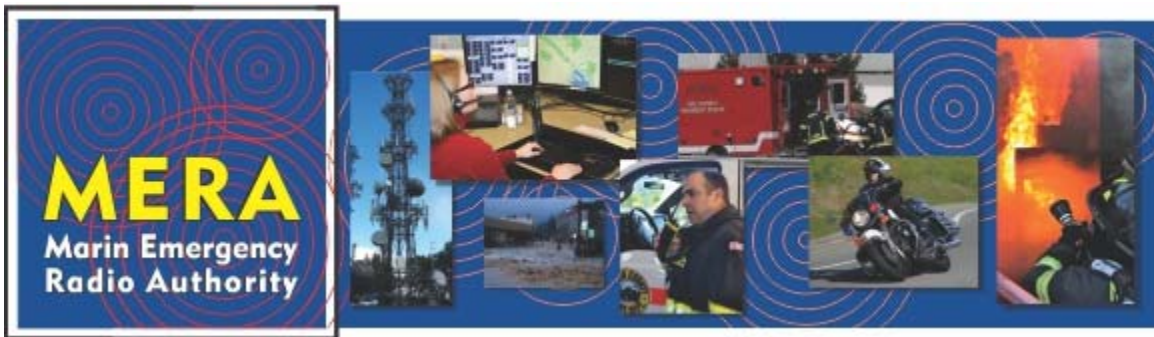


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Round One Presentations for MERA's Next Generation Project a Success

Round One presentations to all MERA Member Agencies will conclude in early December. An update and overview of the next generation project was made to the 25 MERA Member Agencies as well as Marin County's Managers' Association, Fire Chiefs, Police Chiefs and Public Works Directors.

We had the opportunity to answer dozens of questions and bring back issues and concerns to the MERA leadership to address. We would like to thank the Police and Fire Chiefs and the City, District and County staffs that assisted us in this effort.

Starting the first of the year, Round Two presentations will begin with the goal of obtaining support for a November 2014 Parcel Tax Election. MERA member agencies will hear a brief, updated presentation featuring the latest information on the project and the chance to ask more questions. They'll also



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be offered a draft resolution which they can customize themselves to show support for the project as the Board of Supervisors considers placing the measure on the ballot later in the summer.

Round One Frequently Asked Questions

1. Why is a new system necessary?

MERA is facing a combination of three challenges that are driving the need to upgrade the current system. The Next Gen Project (Gen II) is in response to the following three factors.

- When we replace the Gen I system in 2018, it will be 20 years past its design and well beyond its design capabilities. The system has hundreds more users now than it was designed to support and the manufacturer no longer maintains the radios.
- A FCC technical requirement starting in 2017 will require that all new systems be compliant with Phase II Narrow-Banding. Our Gen I system is not capable of meeting these new requirements. Narrow-Banding essentially is reducing the size of our frequency 'pipeline' by 50%, providing additional frequencies to different users but requiring us to modernize our systems in the process.
- Federal legislation, already enacted, requires that we give back our current 400 MHz UHF-T band frequencies to the FCC in 2021. Our Gen I system was designed to work exclusively in this UHF-T band.

2. Why can't First Responders just use smart phones?

First Responders do use smart phones for a variety of purposes that serve them well. However, day-to-day public safety communications require a reliable and flexible communications system that allows users to talk to many responders at once, often from different agencies, instantaneously.

In an emergency, law enforcement from multiple agencies may be on one channel, while multiple fire agencies are on another. Other units involved in evacuations, investigations and logistical support require different talk groups with a requirement that Command Staff have instant access to subordinates as well as their superiors' talk groups. Current cell phone technology simply doesn't provide these rapidly changing 'one-to-many' communications needs. Nor do they provide the robust, reliable communication signal required by first responders.



3. What Is Interoperability and why do we need it?

One critical feature of the MERA system is interoperability. The MERA system allows users from different agencies and disciplines to communicate with each other. It is this flexibility to be able to bring a variety of users together quickly and easily onto common talk groups that defines our interoperability.

While each law enforcement agency has its own assigned talk groups, every law enforcement radio in the MERA system has an identical set of "Blue" talk groups that can quickly be accessed by law enforcement users countywide.

The fire agency templates allow mutual aid units to quickly move from their home talk groups to the talk groups used by the agency they are en route to assist.

Every MERA radio, regardless of agency or discipline, has a common set of incident command talk groups programmed into each radio that allow users to bring any variety of MERA users together to work on an incident in coordination.



4. The Generation II plan is new to me. When did the planning begin?

The Gen II proposal is the result of a concerted effort by the MERA members starting in 2010. MERA staff, MERA members serving on MERA Boards and Committees and outside consultants have looked at our Gen I system and the challenges we face moving forward. The Gen II system proposal is a result of these combined efforts in what would be an 8-year process from initial planning to Gen II implementation in 2018.

NERA Meeting Schedule

NERA Governing Board

Wednesday, December 11, 2013
3:30 PM
Heritage Conference Room
Novato Fire Protection District Administrative Office

NERA Executive Board

Wednesday, January 8, 2014
3:30 PM
Heritage Conference Room
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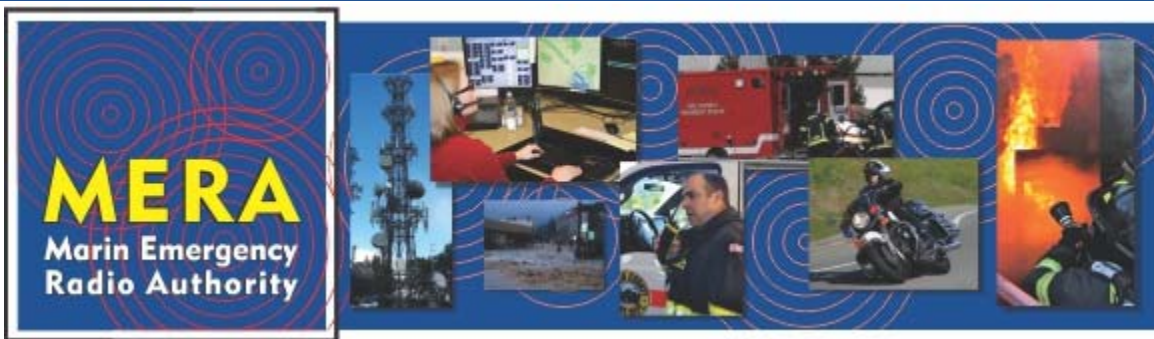
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NERA Governing Board: Meeting Overview

The MERA Governing Board met on 12/11/13. Highlights include:

- Accepted the MERA Next Generation Feasibility Study with its recommendation that MERA seek a 700 MHz-P25 Phase 2 System.
- Received a report on the Round I and Round II member presentations and approved Project Staff requests to approve the inclusion of a Citizen's Oversight Committee and an Income Qualified Senior Homeowner Parcel Tax Exemption to the Parcel Tax Measure.



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- Approved the County as the necessary Parcel Tax authority to be used for the MERA Parcel Tax and to move forward with that measure on the November 2014 ballot.
- Approved updates to the Project Financing Plan and Next Gen System Budget.

MERA Executive Board: Meeting Overview

The MERA Executive Board began the New Year with a meeting on 01/08/2014. Highlights include:

- Received an overview on the bond sale process.
- Received an overview of the Round II member presentations and provided feedback.
- Approved delegation of specific Project Oversight responsibilities to the MERA Project Oversight Committee.
- Received an update on discussions with the Marin County Office of Education regarding their communications system.

Did You Know?

1. Who do I call... Fire, Police, or MERA?

A community member at a City Council meeting commented that if they needed the Fire Department, they would call them and if they needed the Police Department, they would call them. They then asked, when would I call MERA?

Members of the public typically reach public safety dispatch centers using the 9-1-1 phone system in emergencies. **MERA is the vital link between those public safety dispatch centers and the police officers, firefighters and paramedics** in the field, as well as between these first responders when they are at the scene of traffic accidents, fires, robberies and a host of other emergencies.

What makes MERA such a valued technology, compared to our pre-MERA communications systems, is that for the first time, Marin Public Safety agencies are on one single shared communications system that not only provides each agency with an improved communications system, but also allows multiple agencies and disciplines to easily talk among themselves in joint operations.

In essence, every time you call for police, fire or emergency medical responders, **MERA is the system being used to initiate and coordinate the response of the rescuers that show up at your location.**



2. How will MERA's Gen II system reduce response times?

- The Next Gen System system will provide upgraded radio network and dispatch console systems with the latest software, with streamlined user interfaces for maximum efficiency.
- The Next Gen system will reduce MERA radio user wait times, by adding more capacity and reducing busy signals during major events.
- The Next Gen system will reduce emergency response times for those areas of the county with poor coverage, by improving coverage and response.
- The Next Gen system simulcast configuration will reduce MERA radio user wait times, by adding more capacity and reducing busy signals during major events.



3. Will the Parcel Tax be used to pay ongoing salaries?

No, the Parcel Tax is restricted to fund Capital costs related to the purchase and implementation of the Gen II Public Safety Communications System. Ongoing MERA costs are funded through Operating and Maintenance Budgets funded by MERA members, not the Parcel Tax.



MERA Round Two Presentations

MERA's Next Generation Project Round Two presentations will begin in February with preliminary presentations to meetings of the Police Chiefs, Fire Chiefs, the Marin Manager's Association and the Marin Public Works Association.

Starting in March, Special Project Manager Dave Jeffries will be making the rounds and presenting to each of MERA's 25 member agencies. Following each presentation, we will be asking for the support and endorsement of each member agency. MERA staff will be providing a sample staff report and sample resolution prior to the presentation for all member agencies.

The second round of presentations will conclude in May. We are currently in the process of scheduling the round two presentations. If you have any questions about the scheduling of your agency's round two presentation, please contact MERA Special Project Administrative Assistant Alex Anderson at alexmanderson@me.com or (707) 889-5456.

MERA Meeting Schedule

MERA Finance Committee
Tuesday, February 18, 2014
9:00am
Marin Civic Center, CAO Room 315

MERA Project Oversight Committee

Wednesday, February 26, 2014
3:30pm
Marin Civic Center, CAO Room 315

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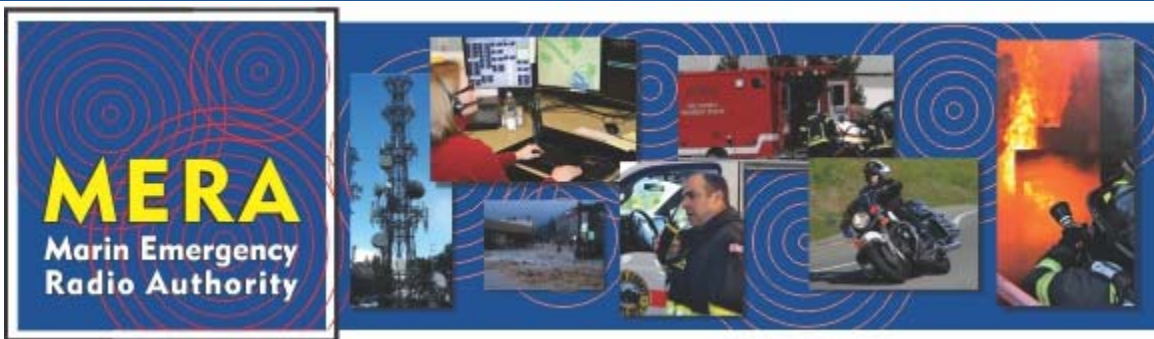
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MERA Next Generation Presentation and Study Sessions

The Marin Emergency Radio Authority is currently in the process of gathering feedback and input regarding the Next Generation Project from all of our 25 member agencies.

Below we have included a list of all upcoming and completed presentation and study sessions. *Please note that all scheduled dates and times are subject to change. Please check agency website for latest agenda information.*

MERA Next Generation Project Presentation and Study Session Upcoming Schedule

City of Belvedere

Date and Time:

September 9, 6:30pm

Presenters:

Police Chief Trisha Seyler-Campbell and
Fire Chief Richard Pearce

Marinwood Community Services District

Date and Time:

September 10, 7:00pm

Presenter:



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Fire Chief Tom Roach

City of Sausalito

Date and Time:

September 10, 9:00pm

Presenter:

Police Chief Jennifer Tejada

Tiburon Fire Protection District

Date and Time:

September 11, 6:30pm

Presenter:

Fire Chief Richard Pearce

Town of Corte Madera

Date and Time:

September 17, 7:30pm

Presenter:

Police Chief Todd Cusimano

City of Larkspur

Date and Time:

September 18, 7:30pm

Presenter:

Police Chief Todd Cusimano

Marin Public Works Association

Date and Time:

September 18, 9:30am

Presenter:

MERA Project Manager Dave Jeffries

Town of San Anselmo

Date and Time:

September 24, 7:00pm

Presenter:

Police Chief Todd Cusimano

Marin Municipal Water District

Date and Time:

October 1, 7:30pm

Presenter:

Fire Chief Jason Weber

Town of Fairfax

Date and Time:

October 2, 7:00pm

Presenter:

Fire Chief Roger Meagor

Central Marin Police Authority

Date and Time:

October 3, 7:00pm

Presenter:

Police Chief Todd Cusimano



City of Mill Valley

Date and Time:
October 7, 6:30pm
Presenter:
TBD

Ross Valley Fire Department

Date and Time:
October 9, 7:00pm
Presenter:
Fire Chief Roger Meagor

Town of Ross

Date and Time:
October 10, 7:00pm
Presenter:
Police Chief Erik Masterson

Marin Community College District

Date and Time:
November 19, 6:30pm
Presenter:
Police Chief Mitchell Lemay

Novato Fire Protection District

Date and Time:
TBD
Presenter: Fire Chief Gerald McCarthy

Town of Tiburon

Date and Time:
TBD
Presenter:
Police Chief Michael Cronin

Completed Presentations:

July 18: Marin Mangers Association
Presented by Project Manager Dave Jeffries

July 18: Joint Police and Fire Chiefs Meeting
Presented by Project Manager Dave Jeffries

August 6: Marin County Board of Supervisors
Presented by Fire Chief Jason Weber

August 20: City of Novato
Presented by Police Chief Jim Berg

August 21: Kentfield Fire Protection District
Presented by Fire Chief Paul Smith



August 26: Stinson Beach Fire Department

Presented by Fire Chief Kenny Stevens

August 26: Bolinas Fire Protection District

Presented by Fire Chief Anita Tyrrell-Brown

August 28: Inverness Public Utility District

Presented by Fire Chief Jim Fox

August 28: Southern Marin Fire Protection District

Presented by Fire Chief Jim Irving

September 3: City of San Rafael

Presented by Fire Chief Chris Gray and Police Chief Diana Bishop

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