

May 8, 2013

MERA Executive Board
95 Rowland Way
Novato, CA 94945

Re: Status of FY 12-13 Equipment Replacement Requests and Proposed FY 13-14 Equipment Requests

Dear Directors,

The MERA system utilizes back-up generators at each equipment site. The generators start automatically should the PG&E power be lost. These generators are critical to the operation of MERA and have been employed not only during severe storms but also during scheduled and unscheduled power outages. All of the MERA generators are approximately five to ten years old depending upon when the sites were installed. The average life of a generator is ten to twelve years.

On January 16, 2013 your Board authorized replacement of the Pt. Reyes generator, with cost estimated at \$38,000. After further scoping of the project and review of possible contingencies, our updated cost estimate is \$42,000. Staff is currently soliciting bids for this work.

For FY 13-14, no generator replacements are recommended. For FY 14-15, we will be recommending that the San Pedro Ridge, Big Rock Ridge, and Bay Hill Road generators be replaced.

Very truly yours,

Craig Tackabery
MERA Operations
Officer