

# DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

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Re: Request for Waiver of Radio Moratorium

- Town of Fairfax

Dear Directors:

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

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Accounting

Airport

Building Maintenance

Capital Projects

Certified Unified Program Agency (CUPA)

Communications Maintenance

County Garage

Disability Access

Engineering & Survey

Flood Control & Water Resources

Land Development

Purchasing

Real Estate

Reprographic Services

Road Maintenance

Stormwater Program

Transportation & Traffic Operations


Waste Management

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, 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 1 radio total, is recommended.

Very truly yours,



Craig Tackabery  
MERA Operations Officer

Attachments



# FAIRFAX POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Christopher Morin  
Chief of Police

August 15, 2013

Craig Tackabery  
Assistant Public Works Director  
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**RE: Request to add MERA radio**

Dear Mr. Tackabery

The Fairfax Police Department plans on purchasing a new XTL 5000 radio with 03 control head for a new undercover vehicle. The existing / outgoing undercover vehicle is being stripped. We are in need of utilizing the existing W4 radio, with its current programming, from that vehicle for use by the Town of Fairfax Public Works Department.

While this will add a radio to the system, the actual use of resources upon the MERA system will be extremely minimal if at all by the Public Works Department which only uses their radio's sporadically Monday – Friday 7am – 3pm.

Please consider this request to allow for the programming of this one additional radio. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Christopher E. Morin  
Chief of Police