

G.B. 5/14/14 Agenda Item C-3b

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DATE: March 12, 2014

TO: MERA Executive Board

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SUBJECT: AGENDA ITEM **B-4**: REPORT #18 ON
STRATEGIC PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

Recommended Action: Receive and file Report #18 on Strategic Plan Implementation.

Background: Report #18 provides the following updates since January 8, 2014:

On January 8, the Executive Board received Bond Counsel's opinion on Next Gen System Police/Fire Services Project costs with the finding that non-police/fire radios and related costs cannot be covered by parcel taxes. The Executive Board also received a Report on Round Two Presentations content, format and timeline. Approval was given for delegation of authority to the Project Oversight Committee to authorize expenditures within the approved FY13/14 Outreach Budget, to approve and oversee the second public opinion poll in early 2014 and coordinate and oversee Public Information Outreach and timeline.

The MERA Finance Committee met on February 18 to discuss other funding sources for Next Gen System Non-Police/Fire Project Costs and review a possible 10% ancillary use of parcel tax proceeds. Ancillary use is not applicable so funding non-police/fire costs will be addressed in the post-election validation process.

The MERA Project Oversight Committee meeting scheduled for February 26 was rescheduled to March 7. Agenda items include a presentation of second poll results, proposed revisions to the Outreach Plan and Budget, Reports on Round Two Member and Other Organization Presentations, review of MERA Newsletters, a status on outreach to the Schools, an update on potentially competing ballot measures, and discussion of the tentative November 14 election calendar. A Report from the POC on their actions/recommendations will be presented to the Executive Board on March 12, 2014.