

# MARIN EMERGENCY RADIO AUTHORITY

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Resolution No. 2014-08

## **A RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE MARIN EMERGENCY RADIO AUTHORITY RECOMMENDING QUALIFICATIONS FOR EXEMPTION FOR LOW-INCOME SENIORS FROM MERA'S SPECIAL PARCEL TAX MEASURE ON THE NOVEMBER 4, 2014 BALLOT**

WHEREAS, the Marin Emergency Radio Authority (“MERA”) is a joint exercise of powers agency comprised of the City of Belvedere, Bolinas Fire Protection District, Town of Corte Madera, Town of Fairfax, Inverness Public Utility District, Kentfield Fire Protection District, City of Larkspur, County of Marin, Marin Community College District, Marinwood Community Services District, City of Mill Valley, Novato Fire Protection District, City of Novato, Town of Ross, Ross Valley Fire Department, Town of San Anselmo, City of San Rafael, City of Sausalito, Southern Marin Fire District, Town of Tiburon, Tiburon Fire Protection District, Central Marin Police Authority, Marin Transit, Marin Municipal Water District and Stinson Beach Fire District, existing as an entity separate from its member agencies and organized under California Governing Code Sections 6500, et seq., for the purpose of constructing and operating a countywide public safety and emergency radio system in the County; and

WHEREAS, the existing countywide public safety and emergency radio system owned and operated by MERA is aging and approaching obsolescence and MERA has determined that a new replacement system (the “Next Gen System”) is needed to ensure reliable public safety and emergency radio communications in the County; and

WHEREAS, MERA has determined that a special parcel tax (the “Special Tax”) should fund the Next Gen System; and

WHEREAS, on July 14, 2014 the Governing Board of MERA approved its Resolution No. 2014-07 requesting the County of Marin to submit a measure authorizing the County to levy the Special Tax to the County’s voters at the election to be held on November 4, 2014 because MERA does not have the authority to levy the Special Tax; and

WHEREAS, on July 22, 2014, the Marin County Board of Supervisors (the “Board of Supervisors”) approved its Resolution No. 2014-64 to submit to the County’s voters at the November 4, 2014 election an ordinance (the “Tax Ordinance”) to levy the Special Tax to fund the Next Gen System; and

WHEREAS, Section 5 of the Tax Ordinance authorizes the Board of Supervisors to adopt a resolution to implement a low-income senior exemption; and

WHEREAS, MERA desires to recommend to the Board of Supervisors the qualifications and procedures for implementing a low-income senior exemption pursuant to Section 5 of the Tax Ordinance, which are consistent with other County parcel taxes.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE GOVERNING BOARD OF MARIN EMERGENCY RADIO AUTHORITY DOES RESOLVE, DECLARE, DETERMINE AND ORDER AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. The Board hereby recommends that the County provide an exemption from the Special Tax for any person who meets each of the following eligibility requirements:

- (1) The applicant owns a parcel subject to the Special Tax and such parcel is used solely for owner-occupied residential purposes.
- (2) The applicant is sixty-five years of age or older.
- (3) The applicant's household income is eighty percent or below median income for Marin County residents who are sixty-five years of age or older. As used herein, "household income" is the combined gross income, taxable or nontaxable, for all persons who occupy a single family residence and does not include Federal and State income tax adjustments, deductions, exemptions or credit.
- (4) The applicant recites under penalty of perjury such facts that qualify the applicant for the exemption.

Section 2. The Executive Officer is hereby directed to file a certified copy of this resolution with the Board of Supervisors of the County of Marin.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED BY THE MERA GOVERNING BOARD on this 13th day of August 2014, by the following vote:

Ayes:

Nays:

Abstentions:

Absent:

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President

Attest:

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Secretary