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MARIN EMERGENCY RADIO AUTHORITY

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DATE: September 10, 2014

TO: MERA Executive Board

FROM: Maureen Cassingham, Executive Officer

SUBJECT: AGENDA ITEM **A-5:** REPORT #21 ON STRATEGIC PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

Recommended Action: Receive and file Report #21 on Strategic Plan Implementation.

Background: This Report provides the following updates since Report #20 was presented on July 14, 2014:

On July 14, the MERA Executive Board recommended Governing Board adoption of Resolution No. 2014-07 Requesting the County of Marin to Submit a Measure Authorizing the County to Levy a Special Parcel Tax to the County's Voters at the Election to be Held on November 4, 2014. The Governing Board adopted the Resolution on July 14, 2014.

On July 22, the County Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution 2014-64 calling a Special Election to be consolidated with the November 4, 2014, General Election to Submit to the County's Voters a Measure Authorizing the County to Levy a Special Tax. Their Resolution amended Section 3 of the Exhibit A Tax Ordinance to require tax proceeds to be used solely for the Next Generation System Project.

At the August 13 Special Meetings of the MERA Executive and Governing Boards, the Executive Board recommended Governing Board approval of the Amended and Restated MOU between MERA and the County in Support of the Next Generation Radio System to assure consistency between the BOS revised Tax Ordinance and the MOU. The Executive Board also recommended Governing Board adoption of a Resolution Recommending Qualifications for Exemption for Low-Income Seniors from MERA's Special Parcel Tax Measure on the November 4, 2014 Ballot. The Governing Board approved both recommendations on August 13.

Both Boards weighed in on proposed duties, terms, membership qualifications and application process for a Citizens Oversight Committee (COC). An Ad Hoc Subcommittee of Governing Board Members Tyrell-Brown, Gaffney and Shortall was

appointed to provide input and recommendations on formation of the COC. Their first report will be presented to the Executive Board on September 10.

Also discussed by both Boards on August 13 were processes and requirements suggested by DPW to best assure Next Gen System contractor on-time and within-budget performance. Included in the discussion were a surety bond, liquidated damages, contract security, a warranty and maintenance contracts.

The Finance Committee will meet on September 10 to discuss a Depreciation Fund for a Gen III System, System Upgrade Agreement for the Next Gen System and recommendations for Executive and Governing Board consideration in November/December on Next Gen System financing.

NOTE:

For detailed information on MERA's public outreach efforts, please reference:

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Item B-3 MERA Community Presentations - Update