



DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

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DIRECTOR

DATE: January 14, 2015

TO: MERA Executive Board

FROM: Craig Tackabery, Operations Officer

SUBJECT: AGENDA ITEM C-3: REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL RADIO –
COUNTY OF SONOMA FIRE & EMERGENCY SERVICES
DEPARTMENT

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Recommended Action: Approve the Request

Accounting

Background: On November 12, 2014, your Board approved an Additional Radios Policy and Procedures for additional radio requests. The following entities are requesting the addition of the following radios:

Airport

County of Sonoma 4

Building Maintenance

Capital Projects

Certified Unified Program
Agency (CUPA)

Marin County Office of Emergency Services is sponsoring this request (attached). The request from County of Sonoma (attached) was vetted through the Operations Issues Work Group, and was found to be consistent with the above policy. Operational concerns that were identified are being addressed on an individual basis.

Communications
Maintenance

County Garage

County of Sonoma is a non-member user. On May 14, 2014, the MERA Governing Board adopted a zero rate fee schedule for Fiscal Year 2014-15 for mutual aid and automatic back-up aid agencies; therefore they would not be charged a fee.

Disability Access

Engineering & Survey

Flood Control &
Water Resources

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.

Land Development

Purchasing

Real Estate

Attachments:

Reprographic Services

Road Maintenance

Email from Marin County OES
Letter from County of Sonoma Fire & Emergency Services Department

Stormwater Program

Transportation &
Traffic Operations

Waste Management

-----Original Message-----

From: Reilly, Christopher

Sent: Tuesday, November 25, 2014 7:55 AM

To: Nelson, Shelly; Brendan Kearney; Zachary Hamill

Cc: Tackabery, Craig; Christopher Helgren; Chuck, Richard; Charlberg, Tim; Nelson, Shelly

Subject: RE: Sonoma County Mera Additional Radio System Request

The Marin County Sheriff's Office of Emergency Services is sponsoring the request from the County of Sonoma Fire and Emergency Services Department to add four portable radios to the MERA system for mutual aid purposes.

Chris Reilly

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County of Sonoma
FIRE & EMERGENCY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

FIRE SERVICES * EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT * HAZARDOUS MATERIALS



AL TERRELL, DIRECTOR/FIRE CHIEF

Date: November 25, 2014

To: Craig Tackabery
Assistant Public Works Director
3501 Civic Center Drive
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RE: Marin County assistance to program Sonoma County mutual aid MERA radios

Dear Mr. Tackabery:

The Sonoma County Fire and Emergency Services Department, Emergency Management Division respectfully requests the MERA Executive Board to consider the addition of four (4) portable radios to the MERA system for Mutual Aid Purposes.

We request permission and assistance in programming four Motorola APX7000 handheld radios. Once configured, these radios would be compatible with Marin's MERA system, and greatly enhance our interoperable communications in the event of a mutual aid request. These radios would not be utilized in routine day-to-day use.

Christopher Reilly, Marin County's Emergency Services Manager, has indicated that OES will serve as our sponsor.

With approval, appropriate coordination can be effected to fulfill technical and training requirements.

Please contact Zach Hamill, Emergency Coordinator, of my office at (707) 565-3305 or Zachary.Hamill@sonoma-county.org, if you have questions or require additional information.

Sincerely,

Al Terrell, Fire Chief/Director
Sonoma County Fire & Emergency Services Department