Agenda Item F

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TO: MERA Finance Committee

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SUBJECT: AGENDA ITEM **F:** FINANCING OF NEXT GEN PROJECT NON-POLICE/FIRE SERVICES COSTS

Recommended Action: Discuss and provide additional direction on funding sources for Next Gen Project Non-Police/Fire Services Costs.

Background: On December 11, 2013, the MERA Governing Board directed the use of MERA Reserves to fund the $2M estimated Project costs for non-police/fire Next Gen System expenses. Some of these costs may be funded by Measure A Parcel Tax proceeds based on the interpretation of Government Code Section 53978 definition of "police/fire services." For example, police and fire emergency radio communications with public works may be deemed integral to public safety response. General and Bond Counsels input is being sought accordingly to clarify what Parcel Tax proceeds will cover.

While the replenished Replacement Fund could be used to fund to pay for some of these Project costs, the fully restored fund balance will be insufficient to cover all non-police/fire system costs. Therefore, other sources will need to be identified, such as a supplemental borrowing.