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DATE: December 9, 2015
TO: MERA Next Generation Project Oversight Committee
FROM: Dave Jeffries, Deputy Executive Officer for the Next Gen Project
SUBJECT: AGENDA ITEM **C**: UPCOMING MERA COVERAGE WORKSHOP: 01/26/2016

Recommended Action: Receive, Discuss and File Report on the MERA Coverage Workshop

Background:

As we move forward with the MERA Next Generation Project, there will be several important dates to MERA member agencies and users. One of these important milestones will be a one-day Coverage Workshop being facilitated by Federal Engineering.

During this workshop, attendees will be able to see the likely impact of various radio coverage scenarios and provide input to staff and Federal Engineering.

Staff strongly recommends that each MERA member agency assign one or two people from their staff to participate in this workshop. Ideally, this person would be familiar with their agency's operations and any current radio coverage issues. For those agencies having members on the Operations Working Group or NGPOC, these members are strongly encouraged to attend. Any assistance the NGPOC members can provide in encouraging MERA member agencies to attend is also appreciated.

While the 2018 system implementation still seems to be far into the future, we are actually on a tight timeline and it will be difficult, if not impossible, to back up and revisit this early opportunity to provide input that will aid in the development of the RFP.

The workshop location will be announced in the near future and is anticipated to be all day on Tuesday, 01/26/2016. There will also be a Next Generation Project Oversight Committee meeting during the afternoon of 01/27/2016, the day following the workshop.

If you are able to attend, please RSVP with Alex Anderson at: alexmanderson@me.com no later than 01/08/2016. The number of attendees may impact the venue.