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## A COUNTYWIDE RADIO COMMUNICATION SYSTEM

### Our Mission

MERA is a collection of public agencies formed in partnership to provide and operate a public safety radio system. As such, MERA provides a crucial communications delivery system that is interoperable between public agencies in order to efficiently and effectively facilitate critical (emergency) communications.

### Vision Statement

MERA provides essential communications between and among local and regional public entities that serve all facets of public safety including Fire, Police, Public Works, Special Districts, Transportation and other Emergency Responders, to facilitate the protection of lives and property and enhance the safety of citizens, workers and visitors.

### Core Values

The service and operational attributes of these Values shall serve as MERA's organizational code of behavior:

**Leadership:** To set by example the standards we expect others to follow

**Integrity:** To maintain the highest ethical principles and act in a completely transparent manner that merits respect and confidence

**Diversity:** To respect the individual differences that provide a source of strength and enable a persistent team approach to identify and overcome obstacles

**Empowerment:** To encourage responsible decision-making at all levels

**Continuous Quality Improvement:** To continually strive to deliver the highest quality, responsive, timely, constantly improving public service to both internal and external clients

**Fiscal Responsibility:** To promote sound, fiscally-minded decision-making at all levels, without compromising service

The Marin Emergency Radio Authority (MERA) is a Joint Powers Authority in Marin County, California, formed in 1998 to plan, implement and manage a countywide public safety and emergency radio system for the use of all member agencies. This system helps unify public safety response and ensures communication among individual agencies and departments.

The system of 17 base station radio and receiver sites provides regional or countywide radio communications among dispatch centers and mobile units throughout the county. [View a map](#) of the system.

MERA is governed by a Governing Board comprised of representatives from the County of Marin, all cities, towns, and fire districts in Marin, and other special

districts such as the Marin Municipal Water District. The Executive Officer and Operations Officer serve the Governing Board via contract.

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**NERA Finance**

NERA FY14-15 Audited Financial Statements [\(PDF File\)](#)

\* Previous NERA Audited Financial Statements [\(PDF Files\)](#)

Operating Budget FY15-16 [\(PDF file\)](#)

\* Previous NERA Operating Budgets [\(PDF Files\)](#)

**REVENUE SOURCES**

– Member agency contributions for Operating and Current Debt Service are determined by the Lando Formula in the NERA JPA Agreement.

\* Schedule of Member Operating and Service Payments for FY14-15 [\(PDF File\)](#)

– Effective in FY15-16, and thereafter for 20 years, proceeds of the Measure A Parcel Tax approved by the voters in November 2014 are placed in a special fund solely for the Next Generation System Project. NERA members will continue their annual contributions for Next Gen System operating costs.

\* NERA Measure A Tax Ordinance - 7/22/14 [\(PDF File\)](#)