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DATE: March 16, 2016
TO: MERA Measure A Citizen Oversight Committee
FROM: Dave Jeffries, Deputy Executive Officer for the Next Gen Project
SUBJECT: AGENDA ITEM **B**: Update on Status of Next Gen System Project

Recommended Action: Receive and file Report on the Next Gen System Project Update

Background:

Since the last Citizen Oversight Committee meeting, the following actions have taken place on the Next Gen Project:

1. Lifecycle Recommendations: On 12/28/2015, we received Federal Engineering's draft Lifecycle Recommendations report, which was then reviewed by the Executive Board, NGPOC, and Operations Working Group in addition to MERA and DPW staff. The desire to identify ways of extending the Next Gen system life was a topic of many discussions in past meetings. The report has since been finalized and is part of the foundation for the Request for Proposal.
2. Coverage Analysis Workshop: On 01/26/2016, a Coverage Analysis Workshop was held for MERA member agencies. This was an opportunity for MERA member agencies to learn about potential coverage options, ask questions and provide input. This was also part of the RFP foundation.
3. Request for Proposal: On 03/01/2016, we received the draft Request for Proposal from Federal Engineering. That document is currently under a 20-day review by the Executive Board, Next Generation Project Oversight Committee, Operational Issues Working Group, as well as by Marin DPW and MERA staff.

Next Steps:

1. Next Gen Project Oversight Committee: To meet on 03/23/2016 to review comments and make final suggestions on the draft RFP.
2. MERA Governing Board: To meet on 04/27/2016 to approve the Final RFP.

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3. Marin Board of Supervisors: To meet on 05/03/2016 to approve the Final RFP.
4. Proposal Review and Recommendation: Proposals will be due in early July and we anticipate a focus during the second half of July, through September, 2016, to review, interview and recommend a final vendor.