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**DATE:** February 15, 2017  
**TO:** MERA Finance Committee  
**FROM:** Dave Jeffries, Deputy Executive Officer for the Next Gen Project  
**SUBJECT:** AGENDA ITEM **D:** DRAFT COMPREHENSIVE LONG-TERM  
NEXT GEN PROJECT BUDGET

Recommended Action: Review, discuss and accept report.

Background:

As we approached the end of contract negotiations, staff began reviewing the entire project costs that have occurred or are anticipated moving forward. The attachment is a draft of those expenses.

It should be noted that several of these line items are estimates and subject to change.

Line #2 addresses extended warranty and System Upgrade Agreement costs that aren't an immediate expense, but are paid over several years beginning in year 4, following final system acceptance.

Lines #10, 11 and 12 address additional costs due to the Next Gen System project through 06/2019. At that point, we anticipate being entirely on the Next Gen System and no longer be using the Gen I System. After that point, many of these costs will either end or may be absorbed by the MERA budgets used to support the Gen I System.

The contingency line item (#15) is based on 15% of line items #1-#12.

Line #16 identifies any remaining funds to support additional longevity opportunities, additional infrastructure, non-radio equipment replacement, etc. The amount for this line item is still being determined with the Finance Ad Hoc Advisory Board.

Mr. Echols will provide a verbal update at the Finance Committee meeting.

**ATTACHMENT:**

D-1 MERA Next Gen Budget Overview (Draft, 02/07/2017)