



DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

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DATE: May 3, 2017

TO: MERA Executive Board

FROM: Pat Echols, Operations Officer

SUBJECT: AGENDA ITEM **C-6**: REQUEST FOR RADIO POLICY EXEMPTION – TOWN OF SAN ANSELMO

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Recommended Action: Approve Town request for exemption from the requirement for purchasing APX one-band operational, second upgradeable or APX Dual band, both bands operational radios.

Accounting

Airport

Background: On March 11, 2015, your Board approved an Additional Radios Policy and Procedures for additional radio requests. The following entities are requesting the addition of the following radios:

Building Maintenance

Town of San Anselmo	5 portables
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Capital Projects

Certified Unified Program
Agency (CUPA)

The request (letter attached) was vetted through the Operations Issues Work Group, and, although inconsistent with the MERA policy, they felt under the circumstances that the request was reasonable under the circumstances and that the Town acknowledges that they will be required to purchase new 700MHz P25 Phase 2 compatible portable radios prior to the Next Generation system going live. The Additional Radios Policy and Procedures requires the entities to pay for these radios and all costs associated with programming and alignment. In addition, training is recommended for all users before the radios are released for use, based on the end user curriculum approved by MERA. Training can be provided by the entities if they have an approved trainer on staff, or provided by Marin County staff with all costs borne by the entities.

Communications Maintenance

County Garage

Disability Access

Engineering & Survey

Flood Control &
Water Resources

Land Development

Purchasing

Real Estate

Reprographic Services

Road Maintenance

Stormwater Program

Attachment: Letter from Town of San Anselmo

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Traffic Operations

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Date: 04/03/2017

Subject: **Adding (5) new radios to current inventory.**

Dear Mr. Echols,

The Town of San Anselmo Public Works Department has determined that after the storms from the winter seasons of 2016/2017, Town staff was under equipped and lacked the ability to communicate with personnel during emergency responses throughout the Town.

The Town of San Anselmo during winter months gets hit hard with a lot of storm related damages, rock slides, landslides, trees down, power lines down, flooding and overwhelming phone calls for emergency response. Without the ability to communicate with the appropriate staff, there is a potential threat for major property damage, loss of property and possibly life if emergency personnel can't respond in time.

The Town would like to be granted to add (5) new single band radios to our current inventory, which will be purchased from Sunny Communications. We understand that the radios if purchased from Sunny Communications will not work on the new dual band system in coming years.

Sincerely,

Town of San Anselmo
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