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DATE: February 28, 2018
TO: MERA Governing Board
FROM: Maureen Cassingham, Executive Officer
SUBJECT: AGENDA ITEM **B-2**: PROPOSED RESOLUTION FOR KWMR SITE LICENSE ANNUAL FEE WAIVERS REQUEST

Recommended Action: Consider the Proposed Resolution of the MERA Governing Board approving the Request for Annual Fee Waivers by KWMR West Marin Community Radio for the Use of MERA's Bolinas and Mt. Vision Tower Sites.

Background: On January 24, 2018, the Governing Board directed staff to obtain a written request from KWMR for Site License fee waivers for their use of MERA's Bolinas and Mt. Vision tower sites for your consideration at this meeting. Attached is KWMR's Letter of Request, along with a proposed Resolution approving same. Also attached are letters and an email of support from the Bolinas Fire Protection District, Inverness Volunteer Fire Departments and County Office of Emergency Services.

As reported at your last meeting, KWMR, which is a non-profit community-based radio station serving West Marin and beyond, is dependent on listener donations and fundraisers to support their operations, along with operating cost reductions wherever possible. The annual fee for each site is \$1,080. Also noted on January 24 was MERA Bolinas and Inverness Board Members' verbal testimonials of KWMR's public service as evidenced by their integral role in promoting disaster preparedness and response, along with the broadcast of timely emergency announcements to assist fire service and law enforcement.

ATTACHMENTS:

- B-2a KWMR Request for Site License Annual Fee Waivers and Letters of Support
- B-2b Proposed Resolution Approving KWMR Request for Site License Annual Fee Waivers