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TO: MERA Executive Board

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SUBJECT: AGENDA ITEM C-1: REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL RADIO – SOUTHERN MARIN FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Recommended Action: Approve the request for a total of 1 mobile radio with a dual control head.

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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:

S. Marin Fire Protection District 1 dual-head mobile

The request (letter attached) was vetted through the Operations Work Group, and deemed to be consistent with MERA policy. The Additional Radios Policy and Procedures requires the requesting entity to pay for this radio and all costs associated with programming and alignment. In addition, training is recommended for all users before the radio is released for use, based on the end user curriculum approved by MERA. Training can be provided by the requesting entity if they have an approved trainer on staff, or provided by Marin County staff with all costs borne by the requesting entity.

Attachments: Letter from Southern Marin Fire Protection District



Southern Marin Fire Protection District

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January 2, 2018

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Southern Marin fire is looking to add one dual head Motorola mobile radio to our inventory. This radio will replace Battalion Chief Matt Barnes' single head Motorola radio in his Battalion One vehicle. The current single head Motorola radio that is in Battalion Chief Barnes' current vehicle will be placed into our Deputy Chief vehicle. This vehicle will be a new addition to our fleet as we just re-created the Deputy Chief position after a multi-year hiatus.

Southern Marin fire believes that there will be little to no impact on the system by adding this radio. The MERA usage will most likely remain the same with little to no traffic from the Deputy Chief radio. The dual head Motorola will add significant improvement for Battalion Chief Barnes. He will now be able to utilize a mobile radio from the rear command center of his vehicle when Command and Control of emergency incidents are needed during.

All Southern Marin Fire District personnel have taken the M user MERA class and have working knowledge of radio use, system drawdown and radio discipline during busy/critical MERA usage times.

I ask you to please consider the above recommendation to add these additional radios. If you have any questions feel free to contact me at any time.

Respectfully,

Chris Tubbs

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Tubbs", written over a white background.

Fire Chief
Southern Marin Fire Protection District