

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

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DATE: September 12, 2018

TO: MERA Executive Board

FROM: Ernest Klock, Operations Officer

SUBJECT: AGENDA ITEM C-2: REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL RADIOS – NORCAL AMBULANCE & MARIN COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS

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Recommended Action: Approve the request for 14 single-band radios with a waiver for compliance with the MERA dual-band requirement.

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:

- Accounting
- Airport
- Building Maintenance
- Capital Projects
- Certified Unified Program Agency (CUPA)
- Communications Maintenance
- County Garage
- Disability Access
- Engineering & Survey
- Flood Control & Water Resources
- Land Development
- Purchasing
- Real Estate
- Reprographic Services
- Road Maintenance
- Stormwater Program
- Transportation & Traffic Operations
- Waste Management

NorCal Ambulance	2
Marin County Roads	12

The requests (attached) were vetted through the Operations Issues Work Group and were found to be acceptable given the acknowledgement by the requesting agencies that new radios will need to be purchased for operation on the Next Gen System.

The Additional Radios Policy and Procedures requires the entity 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 entity if they have an approved trainer on staff, or provided by Marin County staff with all costs borne by the entity.

Attachments:

- Letter from NorCal Ambulance
- Letter from Marin County Department of Public Works



July 11, 2018

Marin Emergency Radio Authority (MERA)
c/o Novato Fire Protection District
95 Rowland Way
Novato, CA 94945

To Whom It May Concern,

NORCAL Ambulance would like consideration to waive the policy requiring radios added to MERAs network be dual band. We fully understand that we will need to acquire new 700/800 mhz radios to work on the new Next Gen system when it becomes active. We have a plan in place to upgrade radios when the Next Gen system is activated, but have purchased used radios to work on the existing T-Band in the meantime.

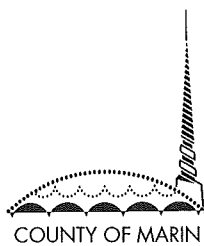
We ask that this item be considered urgent to aid in our compliance with the Local EMS Agency and MERA requirements.

Please feel free to contact us with any questions, concerns, or comments.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "William Vance".

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Accounting

Airport

Building Maintenance

Capital Projects

Please feel free to contact us with any questions, concerns, or comments.

Certified Unified Program
Agency (CUPA)

Thank you for your time and consideration,

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