



NEXT GENERATION PROJECT

August 2018 Governing Board UPDATE:

- On August 30th, MERA Finance Committee members Matthew Hymel and Tom Gaffney met with MERA staff to review Next Generation Project budget projections. Revisions to the budget have subsequently been reviewed by MERA Ops Issues Working Group, Next Gen Project Oversight Committee, Finance Committee and the Executive Board and are being presented to the Governing Board for approval. The revised budget provides critical context for upcoming decisions regarding Next Generation Project potential change orders.
- MERA staff have presented proposals for change orders on a variety of contract and technical issues to the MERA Operations Issues Working Group (9/5/18), MERA Next Gen Project Oversight and Finance Committee (9/12/18), and the MERA Executive Board (9/12/18). Based on feedback from these groups, staff have been working on developing priority recommendations for the various change orders to help the Governing Board decide which to adopt.
- An inventory of the second early order of MERA Next Gen radios has been completed by Marin DPW staff. Radios are now being programmed by Red Cloud and should be delivered to the MERA agencies which placed orders in the coming weeks.
- The Draft SEIR for the Next Generation Project is expected to be completed and open for public review in November of 2018. Updates to the overall project schedule will be provided as we move closer to the close of the CEQA process.

Our MERA team relies on the input and participation of all of our 25 member agencies!
Please be sure to share the above project update with others at your agency.

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