



DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

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DATE: January 8, 2020

TO: MERA Executive Board

FROM: Ernest Klock, Operations Officer

SUBJECT: AGENDA ITEM C-3: REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL RADIOS –
 TIBURON POLICE DEPARTMENT
 BELVEDERE POLICE DEPARTMENT
 NATIONAL PARKS CONSERVANCY
 MARIN COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY
 MARIN COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT POLICE DEPT
 NATIONAL PARK SERVICE – POINT REYES

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Recommended Action: Approve the requests from various MERA and partner agencies for additional radios as outlined below.

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:

<u>Agency</u>	<u>No. of Radios</u>	<u>No. of Bands</u>
TIBURON POLICE DEPARTMENT	1	1
BELVEDERE POLICE DEPARTMENT	1	1
NATIONAL PARKS CONSERVANCY	5	2
MARIN COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY	1	1
MARIN COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT POLICE	2	2
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE – POINT REYES	1	2

The requests (attached) were vetted through the Operations Issues Work Group and are found to be acceptable given that the agencies have either acknowledged that the radios do not have 700Mhz capability and therefore will not work on the Next Gen System (single band requests) or the agencies have provided an additional band for future functionality (dual-band requests).

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 Tiburon

Letter from National Parks Conservancy

Letter from Marin County District Attorney

Letter from Marin Community College District

Letter from National Park Service



September 25, 2019

RE: MERA Radio Aliases

Mr. Klock:

Please accept this letter as a formal request for the addition of two aliases to the MERA system. I am including a request on behalf of the City of Belvedere as a courtesy.

Tiburon Police Department – Addition of 1 alias – Portable radio for patrol staff

Belvedere Police Department – Addition of 1 alias – Mobile radio for Police Chief vehicle

We propose using single-band radios for use on the existing MERA system and it is understood that a new radio will have to be purchased to work on the MERA Next Gen System.

I am aware that the addition of these is not a commitment for replacement and that I must provide my own equipment, to be programmed at the expense of our agency. We authorize MERA to remove the code plug programming at such time we no longer need the radio. Additionally, radio training will be provided to end users.

Please let me know if there is anything else you require from me for this submission. I look forward to hearing from you.

Respectfully submitted,

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November 21, 2019

MERA Operations Director
Department of Public Works
3501 Civic Center Drive
San Rafael

Persuant to our existing agreement (ref. "MERA LETTER OF AGREEMENT Use of System and Radios Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy 7-11-19") the Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy (Parks Conservancy), with support from our One Tam partners at Marin Municipal Water District, is requesting permission to add an additional (5) portable radios to the MERA system. These portable units will be used by Parks Conservancy and/or One Tam employees to ensure staff safety in the field, and are strictly for emergency situations.

The (5) units we intend to purchase and add to the MERA system are dual-band radios that include one band for use on the existing MERA system and are equipped with a second 700Mhz capable band for future use on the MERA Next Gen System.

We have been notified and acknowledge that in the event MERA coverage is no longer needed the Parks Conservancy will allow the MERA software to be removed from our equipment.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to me for any additional information. Thanks in advance for your time and consideration of this request.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Daniel Franco".

Daniel Franco
Project Manager
Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy



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June 25, 2019

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Assistant Director Klock,

The Marin County District Attorney's Office is requested 1 additional radio ID be added to the MERA system. This radio ID is for a mobile radio which was purchased for a new investigator position under an Auto Fraud grant.

This is a single-band radio for use on the existing MERA system and it is understood that a new radio will have to be purchased to work on the MERA Next Gen System

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Jon Madarang
Chief Investigator (Interim)



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June 5, 2019

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Assistant Director Klock,

The Marin Community College District Police Department is requesting permission to add two (2) additional radios to the MERA system. Both radios are dual band and will work on the existing system and MERA next generation.

We anticipate a negligible impact to the MERA system, as our staffing levels remain unchanged. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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Jeff Marozick
Chief of Police



United States Department of the Interior

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

Point Reyes National Seashore
Point Reyes, California 94956

IN REPLY REFER TO:

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Point Reyes National Seashore, as an approved MERA non-member agency, is requesting permission to add one additional mobile radio to the MERA system. This mobile radio will be installed in our new patrol/rescue vessel (Rescue 27) and will be used to communicate with other Marin County agencies, primarily Marin County Fire and Marin County Sheriff's Department, during interagency response on Tomales Bay and the outer coast.

The mobile radio is a Motorola APX8500. This is a dual band radio that includes one band for use on the existing MERA system and a second 700 Mhz capable band for future use on the MERA Next Gen System.

National Park Service Law Enforcement Rangers stationed at Point Reyes National Seashore are the only individuals authorized to operate Rescue 27. All rangers receive initial MERA radio training upon arrival at their duty station and utilize it on a daily basis when communicating with Marin Communications Center and Woodacre Dispatch. All rangers will receive additional training and orientation to the new mobile radio installed on Rescue 27.

The National Park Service acknowledges that in the event MERA coverage is no longer necessary, we authorize MERA to remove the code plug programming from this radio.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Sarah Cowell
US Park Ranger/Boating Coordinator
Point Reyes National Seashore