

MARIN EMERGENCY RADIO AUTHORITY

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES OF APRIL 17, 2003

1. Call to Order

Vice Chair Tom Gaffney called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. at San Rafael Community Center.

PRESENT:

City of Belvedere	Edmund San Diego
Town of Corte Madera	Jay Tashiro
Town of Fairfax	Alan Bengyel
Inverness Public Utility District	Wade Holland
Kentfield Fire Protection District	Paul Smith (Alternate)
City of Larkspur	Jean Bonander
County of Marin	Steve Kinsey (<i>arrived at 4:22 p.m.</i>)
Marin Community College District	Chuck Lacy (<i>arrived at 4:10 p.m.</i>)
Marin Municipal Water District	Pamela Nicolai
Marinwood Community Services District	Tom Horne (Alternate)
City of Mill Valley	Dennis Fisco (Alternate)
Novato Fire Protection District	Jeff Meston (Alternate)
City of Novato	Rod Wood
Town of Ross	Tom Gaffney
Ross Valley Fire Department	Michael Groshong
Town of San Anselmo	Peter Kilkus (<i>arrived at 4:10 p.m.</i>)
City of San Rafael	Ken Nordoff (Alternate)
City of Sausalito	Dana Whitson (<i>arrived at 4:10 p.m.</i>)
Stinson Beach Fire District	Kenny Stevens (Alternate)
Southern Marin Fire District	Mike Stone
Town of Tiburon	Alex McIntyre (<i>out at 4:40 p.m.</i>)
Tiburon Fire Protection District	Albert (Tim) Harris
Twin Cities Police	Michael Casteen (Alternate)

ABSENT:

Bolinas Fire Protection District
Marin County Transit District

STAFF PRESENT:

Martin J. Nichols, Executive Officer
Patrick Richardson, Legal Counsel
Richard Chuck, Communications Engineer
Elizabeth Lopez, Recording Secretary

GUESTS

Doug Smith, Fire Chief, Sausalito Fire Department
Pam Hamilton, Publicist

2. Executive Officer's report.
M/S - To amend agenda and consideration of the Sonoma Mountain Communication Site Agreement – Approved
3. Adopt meeting minutes of March 20, 2003
MS – To adopt meeting minutes of March 20, 2003 – Approved
4. Open time for items not on agenda (*limited to three-minutes per speaker*).
None.
5. Adopt MERA Resolution Number 1-2003 authorizing the operation of the MERA system without a south county site.
M/S - To adopt amended MERA Resolution Number 1-2003 authorizing the operation of the MERA system without a south county site – Approved
6. Authorize budget adjustment for MERA operating account fund 96c.
M/S – To amend our budget to increase our expenditures to authorize the transfer of \$327,545 – (Tiburon & Marinwood – No) – Approved
7. Report of the Southern Marin Site Committee.
8. Adoption of Schools System Use Policy.
M/S – To adopt Schools System Use Policy – Approved
9. Sonoma Mountain Communication Site Agreement – Amended Item
M/S – To approve contract agreement on Sonoma Mountain site – Approved
10. Closed session – Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation (Government Code 54956.9(a) – Zack, et al. vs. MERA, Marin Superior Court Actions Nos. CV 024952 and CV 024971 (consolidated).
No reportable actions.
11. Next meeting
The Board agreed to meet next on May 22, 2003 at 4:00 p.m.
12. Adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Martin J. Nichols, Executive Officer