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DATE: November 9, 2016
TO: MERA Next Generation Project Oversight Committee
FROM: Dave Jeffries, Deputy Executive Officer for the Next Gen Project
SUBJECT: AGENDA ITEM B: Update on the Next Gen System Project

Recommended Action: Review, discuss and accept report.

Background:

The first negotiation session with Motorola was held on Wednesday, 09/21/16. The discussion focused on coverage, fire station alerting, paging, system maintenance and pricing issues. Following this meeting, Motorola provided a written update.

On Thursday, 10/20/16, a session was held with Motorola and the Negotiations Team. The early part of the session, which was focused on coverage and fire agency concerns, was also attended by representatives of the Marin County Fire Chief's and Police Chief's Associations as well as representatives of the West Marin Fire Agencies.

Following this meeting, the Negotiations Team received a pricing update from Motorola on 10/28/16. The Negotiations Team met twice during the week of 10/31/16 to review and discuss the latest information prior to a next meeting with Motorola.

Concurrently, members of the Negotiations Team and affected agencies researched the proposed fire station alerting and paging solutions.

A verbal update will be provided at the NGPOC meeting.

As a reminder, the proposal is under administrative review and is confidential. Requests for information or media inquiries should be forwarded to Executive Officer Cassingham or Deputy Executive Officer Jeffries. The final proposal and proposed contract will be posted prior to any approval. At this point, that approval is scheduled for a future Governing Board meeting based on the progress in negotiations.