

MARIN EMERGENCY RADIO AUTHORITY

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DATE: July 22, 2020

TO: MERA Governing Board

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SUBJECT: AGENDA ITEM **B-3**: REPORT ON MEASURE A CITIZENS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE REQUEST FOR MERA GOVERNING BOARD RESPONSE TO COUNTY OF MARIN NEXT GEN PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION AGREEMENT TERMINATION

Recommended Action: Discuss and provide response to Measure A Citizens Oversight Committee Request for MERA Governing Board Response to County of Marin Next Gen Project Implementation Agreement Termination.

Background: On June 17, 2020, the Measure A Citizens Oversight Committee received their regular update on the status of the Next Gen Project from Deputy Executive Officer Jeffries, which included additional information about Project transition from the County to MERA. The Committee was initially advised on March 13, 2020 of MERA's receipt of the County's Notice of Termination on March 11.

As part of Jeffries' 6/17/20 update, he advised the Committee of the MERA Governing Board's June 10, 2020 approval of the AECOM Task #2 Contract, wherein AECOM was engaged to provide NGP Program and Construction Management Consulting Services, replacing County's Implementation Services. The related cost increase to the NGP Implementation Budget line item was cited as \$1.4M.

As a result of this report, the Committee, after considerable discussion, unanimously approved a motion to request the following from the Governing Board:

- 1.) An understanding as to why the County was permitted an annual renewal of the Implementation Agreement versus being held to Project completion.
- 2.) A written explanation from the County as to why the County chose not to renew the Implementation Agreement.

The Committee was provided a copy of the County's Notice on June 19, which included reference to the change in County Project staffing as a reason for non-renewal, which resulted in a budget increase of \$1.4M with the AECOM Contract. Members expressed considerable concern over the County's Termination decision, which requires expenditure of more Measure A Funds than budgeted.

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For further background, the Committee's charge per Measure A is to "review the expenditure of revenues collected, pursuant to the Ordinance". Attached are Committee Bylaws that memorialize their Duties and Authority.

ATTACHMENT:

B-3a MERA Citizens Oversight Committee Bylaws, dated 12/10/14