

# **MARIN EMERGENCY RADIO AUTHORITY**

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## **MERA MEETING – TELECONFERENCING PROTOCOL**

THE FOLLOWING GUIDELINES HAVE BEEN PROVIDED BY MERA GENERAL COUNSEL TO HELP TELECONFERENCED MEETINGS BE MORE PRODUCTIVE AND UNDERSTANDABLE:

1. MEMBER ROLL CALL WILL BE TAKEN AFTER THE MEETING IS CALLED TO ORDER.
2. INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS WILL REQUEST TO BE RECOGNIZED BY THE CHAIR BEFORE MAKING COMMENTS OR ASKING QUESTIONS.
3. EACH AGENDA ACTION ITEM REQUIRES A ROLL CALL VOTE (ONE VOTE PER AGENCY).
4. PARTICIPANTS ARE REMINDED NOT TO TALK OVER EACH OTHER.
5. PARTICIPANTS ARE REMINDED TO WAIT UNTIL EACH PERSON IS FINISHED SPEAKING BEFORE ASKING TO BE RECOGNIZED BY THE CHAIR TO START A NEW COMMENT.
- 6. PARTICIPANTS ARE REMINDED TO IDENTIFY THEMSELVES BEFORE SPEAKING.**

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GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

SEPTEMBER 23, 2020

TELEPHONICALLY

CALL – IN:      1 (602) 610-2087      ACCESS CODE - 255322

### **MERA MEETING – TELECONFERENCING USER INSTRUCTIONS**

Introduction: MERA will be using a Voice-Only conference call system to conduct its public meetings until further notice.

There will be no video links or screen sharing. These meetings will be recorded.

#### **Before the Meeting Begins:**

1. Prior to the meeting, please have the agenda packet on your computer screen or a hard copy for reference.
2. Locate the Conference Dial-In phone number on the Agenda **and noted above**.
3. Locate the Conference Access Code on the Agenda **and noted above**.
4. If you were provided with a Guest Speaker Code, locate it before dialing in.

<b>4* - Mute/Unmute</b>
<b>5* - Hand Raise</b>

#### **Entering the Meeting:**

1. The meeting host will open the conference line approx. 10 minutes prior to the meeting start time.
2. Dial the Conference Dial-In phone number.
3. When instructed, enter the Conference Access Code on your phone.
4. If you were provided a Guest Speaker Code, enter 88\* and then your Guest Speaker Code.
5. Enter 4\* to mute your phone. (You can also mute your phone at your end if that is easier.)

#### **Starting the Meeting:**

1. **Rollcall and Rollcall votes:** During rollcall, enter 4\* to unmute your phone. Please provide the last two digits of the phone you are using and then your name. The Meeting Host will use this information to facilitate recognition of speakers. As you complete your portion of the rollcall, please enter 4\* to mute your phone.
2. **To Ask a Question/Comment:** Enter 5\* on your phone to notify the Meeting Host that you wish to speak. When you are recognized, enter 4\* on your phone to unmute. When finished, enter 4\* to mute your phone again.
3. **To Respond to a Question Directed to You:** Enter 4\* to unmute your phone. When finished, enter 4\* again to mute your phone.
4. **Process:** The Chair will call for questions/comments before each vote and before we begin the next agenda item. But enter 5\* at any time you wish to make a comment or ask a question. The Meeting Host will advise the Chair of the pending speakers.
5. **Members of the Public:** The Chair will entertain questions and comments from the public as at any in-person meeting. Enter 5\* on your phone at any time but wait to be recognized before unmuting your phone by entering 4\*. When finished, enter 4\* to mute your phone again.

#### **Ending the Meeting:**

1. When you are ready to leave the meeting, please hang up. The conference call system will notify the host that you have left the call.
2. The recording will terminate once the meeting is adjourned.
3. The Meeting Host will then end the conference call.

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## Governing Board

### Regular Meeting Notice

**DATE:** Wednesday – September 23, 2020

**TIME:** 3:30pm

**PLACE:** TELEPHONICALLY – AS NOTED BELOW:

Pursuant to Governor Newsom’s Executive Orders, and in the interest of maintaining appropriate social distancing, Members of the MERA Governing Board, the public and staff may participate and offer comment in this meeting telephonically by **calling:**

**(1) (602)610-2087** **ACCESS CODE – 255322**

If you are an individual with a disability and need a reasonable modification or accommodation pursuant to the Americans With Disabilities Act (“ADA”), please contact Lorena Barrera, Town of Corte Madera Administrative Analyst at [lbarrera@tcmmail.org](mailto:lbarrera@tcmmail.org) or (415) 927-5086 prior to the meeting for assistance.

### Page # Reference

**(1-2)** AGENDA

#### CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

The Governing Board may change the order for consideration of items on the Agenda.

#### A. Consent Calendar

All matters on the Consent Calendar are to be approved with one motion unless a Member of the Governing Board or the public requests that a separate action be taken on a specific item.

- (3)** 1. Resolution of Commendation – Retired Police Chief Michael Cronin, Town of Tiburon  
MERA Governing Board Member
- (4-12)** 2. Minutes from July 22, 2020 Governing Board Regular Meeting
- (13-14)** 3. Report No 100 on Strategic Plan Implementation
- (15)** 4. Update on Next Gen Project Site Leases/Licenses and License Amendments
- (-)** 5. Update on 2007 Citizens Bank Note Retirement  
**(to be distributed under separate cover)**
- (16-17)** 6. Rescission of MERA Change Order Policy for Next Gen System Project Vendor Contracts

- (18) 7. Final Report on 2010 Bonds Redemption
- (19) 8. Report on 2016 Bonds Fitch Rating Review and Outlook

B. Executive Officer's Report (Cassingham)

- (20-26) 1. Report No 74 on Next Gen System Project and Budget (Jeffries)
- (27-116) 2. Proposed NGP Professional Services Contracts for Third Party Plan Checks, Geotech Site Borings and Soils Testing
- 3. Other Information Items

C. Operations Reports (Swenerton)

- (117) 1. Report on MERA Operations Officer Replacement and DPW Current System Staffing
- (118-119) 2. Microwave Channel Bank Hardware Failure – Prime Site
- (120) 3. Update on Proposed Sonoma – Bay Hill Microwave Link Relinquishment
- (121-125) 4. MERA Operations System Update – July and August
- (126) 5. Other Information Items

- D. Open Time for Items Not on agenda (limited to two minutes per speaker)  
*Anyone wishing to address the Governing Board on matters not on the posted agenda may do so. Each speaker is limited to two minutes. California Government Code Section 54954.2 provides that the Governing Board may not take action on, or even consider or debate, items not on the agenda except under narrow circumstances that meet statutory tests for emergencies or urgent items that arise after the agenda is published. Accordingly, any response to comments on non-agenda items will be limited to factual information or clarifying questions from staff or Governing Board members. The President may refer the matter to staff for further follow up, or elect to have the matter placed on an agenda for a future meeting.*

G. Adjournment

**NEXT:** MERA Governing Board Regular Meeting  
**Wednesday – October 28, 2020 – 3:30pm**

AGENDA AND STAFF REPORTS ARE AVAILABLE ONLINE AT: [WWW.MERAONLINE.ORG](http://WWW.MERAONLINE.ORG)

cc: BOS (for posting)

MERA Staff

General Counsel