



NEXT GENERATION PROJECT

September 2020 Governing Board UPDATE:

- **Next Gen Project**

We are nearing completion of the Customer Design Review process. In this phase, the MERA team and Motorola are working through over 1,000 pages of documents that will guide the implementation of the Next Gen system. Once completed, the MERA Governing Board will be asked to approve the Customer Design Review package leading us to the next phase of the project.

Following approval of the radio system design, the next significant step is Site Construction: Starting with release of bid packages for all the sites, awarding of bids, and then site construction. While the details vary from site to site, some existing sites require upgrades and reinforcement, and other new sites require complete construction of the site.

Upon completion of construction at each site, Motorola will be installing the communications equipment and microwave connections and bring the Next Gen system to life.

- **New Next Gen Project Team**

With Marin County's decision to not renew their agreement with MERA to implement their new system, MERA moved forward to develop a new project team. The Next Gen Project Team now reports to Deputy Executive Officer for the Next Gen System Mr. Dave Jeffries. Assisting Mr. Jeffries is Ms. Maura Griffin, from Regional Government Services. Serving as the Next Gen Program Manager is Mr. Mark Chase, from AECOM. Mr. Chase will be coordinating the efforts of the remaining members of the team.

The Radio System Project Manager is Mr. David Mortimer from Federal Engineering. Mr. Mortimer is already a veteran to this project and is the primary point of contact between MERA and Motorola. The Construction Project Manager is Mr. James McKenzie, assisted by Construction Manager Jonathan Sprague, both from AECOM. The newest member of our team is Mr. Dave Bettin from Regional Government Services who is our Implementation Coordinator. He will be our main point of contact with MERA member agencies for equipment installations and distribution, as well as working with the member agencies to prepare for cutover to the Next Gen system.

- **Media Contact**

As a reminder, please refer any public or media inquiries regarding the MERA Next Gen System to MERA Deputy Executive Officer for the Next Gen System Dave Jeffries, 707-483-1098 or dave@jeffriespsc.com.

Our MERA team relies on the input and participation of all of our 25 member agencies!
Please be sure to share the above Project update with others at your agency.

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