NEXT GENERATION PROJECT
January 2022 Governing Board UPDATE:

- **Site Construction**

Construction is nearly completed at Bid Package #1 sites, EOF, Civic Center and Mt. Barnabe. Motorola has started installing equipment at these Bid Package #1 sites. Construction is in progress at Bid Package #1A sites, Dollar Hill, Tiburon and Stewarts Bid Package #2 is has been revised and will be presented to the MERA Governing Board for re-approval and release at the January 26th, 2022 meeting.

- **Connectivity**

The MERA Project Team is currently developing a detailed plan addressing technical requirements to connect MERA member agency facilities and the MERA system via secure internet connections to support Dispatch Centers, Fire Stations for Fire Station Alerting and all member sites for Wi-Fi programming of Next Gen Radios.

- **MERA Project Management Plan**

Currently under development, a Project Management Plan is intended to document the history of the Next Gen System Project, Project Implementation and Team Organization, their goals and objectives, the systems and procedures they will use, and to provide guidance and structure for the management of the MERA next Gen Project. In addition, this plan will provide historical reference for MERA use in future projects.

- **Radio Aliases**

For mutual aid purposes across the Bay Area Interoperability talkgroups, MERA has worked with Bay Area Regional Interoperable Communications System Authority (BayRICS) to develop a means to address regional radio aliases. The regional 5 character prefix identifies the user County and Discipline (i.e., fire or law). The remaining 11 characters are for local use. MERA and its member agencies are currently working to define those local characters for all the approx. 3000 radios.

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