



June 22, 2022

Governing Board Communication

Agenda Item D-2

TO: MERA Governing Board

FROM: TODD WILLIAMS – RADIO TELECOMMUNICATIONS OFFICER

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL RADIOS – MARIN COUNTY OES

Recommended Action

Consider approval of request from Marin County Office of Emergency Services (OES) to add four (4) additional radios onto the Gen1 MERA network.

Background

On June 08, 2022, the Operations Working Group was notified concerning an Additional Radio Policy and Procedures approval of 4 additional MERA portable radios without any objections.

- Marin County OES requests that four (4) additional MERA portable radios be added to the MERA system with access to MERA frequencies in addition to the existing OES cache of MERA radios.
- These new all band radios will be utilized by OES staff who are duty officers working with field ICs during incidents requiring alert & warning (AlertMarin, etc) activations, field coordination with Marin OES, coordination with the op area EOC, PIO coordination, and other similar activities.
- The lack of sufficient radio communication capacity between OES Duty Officers was identified as a gap in the AAR discussion from some recent incidents when the ICP or key field assets were in areas with no or poor cellular communications.
- These radios have already been procured by OES utilizing OES funds.

Per MERA policy, the OES request was forwarded to the MERA Operations Working Group on June 08, 2022. Request to add these additional radios to the existing Gen1 network to support OES operations with no objections.