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Governing Board Communication

Agenda Item C-2

**TO: MERA Governing Board**

**FROM: Todd Williams - MERA Operations Officer**

**SUBJECT: Request for Approval for Use of Gen 1 Frequencies for Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (Revised)**

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### **Recommended Action**

Approve the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (BATFE), San Francisco Division request to add Marin Emergency Radio Authority (MERA) Gen 1 frequencies into BATFE-owned radios. The request to add these frequencies is for mutual aid assistance and not for day-to-day operations.

### **Background**

On August 10, 2021, the Radio Shop was notified concerning adding MERA frequencies to there existing 2 consolette radios, 65 mobile radios and 80 portable radios.

- BATFE is requesting to add primary and secondary talkgroups for all authorized Marin Fire/EMS, Law Enforcement Agencies, Blue Command and Blue Tactical channels, as well as Police Department APB, all ICS talkgroups, and any direct Dispatch channels available on the Gen One Radio System. BATFE will not be authorized use of any encrypted channels or talkgroups.
- BATFE's local Radio Telecommunications Specialist will handle all programming of there existing APX 8000 and 7500 series multi-band radios(radios are compatible with the MERA Next Gen System).
- The radio code plug programming will be removed when the radios are no longer needed. Radio training will be provided to end users.
- Authority to program and use talkgroups on the Next Gen system will comply with a signed MOU.



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August 10, 2021

Andrew LeBlanc  
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County of Marin  
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Dear Mr. LeBlanc:

The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, San Francisco Field Division requests your assistance with adding Marin Emergency Radio Authority (MERA) frequencies into BATFE-owned radios. The request to add these frequencies is for mutual aid assistance and not for day-to-day operations.

We request to add MERA frequencies to our existing 2 consolette radios, 65 mobile radios and 80 portable radios. Specifically, we request to add the primary and secondary talkgroups for all Marin Fire/EMS, Law Enforcement Agencies, Blue Command and Blue Tactical channels, as well as Police Department APB, all ICS talkgroups, and any direct Dispatch channels available.

BATFE's local Radio Telecommunications Specialist will handle all the programming of our existing APX 8000 and 7500 series multi-band Motorola radios (these radios are compatible with the MERA Next Gen System). The code plug programming will be removed when the radio is no longer needed. Radio training will be provided to end users.

Please contact me or the Radio Communications Specialist with any questions:

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Radio Telecommunications Specialist

Sincerely,

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