



NEXT GENERATION PROJECT

May 2024 Governing Board UPDATE:

Construction:

Construction is complete on all MERA sites and Punch List and Change Orders are being reviewed for Bid Package 3 and Bid Package 4 sites.

Radio Network:

Motorola has completed network installation at all sites. System optimization is scheduled to be completed by the end of May 2024.

TVSS work is complete at Civic Center, Dollar Hill, and Tiburon sites and is in progress for San Pedro, Big Rock, and Mill Valley.

Microwave:

Nokia is currently finishing path testing and punch list items. All sites will be reviewed by Motorola, Federal Engineering, and Marin County Radio Shop by mid-May 2024.

Fire Station Alerting:

RedCloud has assigned a project team and installation is underway. Wiring will begin on May 6th, 2024, lasting 4-5 weeks. Functionality testing by Mach Alert is scheduled to begin in mid-July 2024. Reps from Hexagon, Mach Alert, Motorola, and MERA meet regularly to ensure project progress.

Connectivity:

Motorola testing report for network connectivity has been received by MERA and is being reviewed. Novato Fire Protection District is installing FSA links at all 5 stations. For areas with limited coverage, Cradlepoints are being set up for system access. Federal Engineering is working with Marin IT on the closeout of network pilot project.

Cutover:

Cutover schedule provided by Motorola anticipates cutover to begin in September/October 2024. The process will require each agency to move over to new talk group templates and new frequencies, stepping away from the existing Gen 1 System. Cutover Plan specifics have been updated following the recent meeting in April 2024. MERA will also be replacing Marin County's Volunteer Paging Network with new technology. New equipment will be installed in all Dispatch Centers prior to final cutover creating a smooth transition.

Honoring Dave Jeffries:

On Tuesday, May 14th, at 6 PM, the Novato City Council will honor former Novato Police Captain Dave Jeffries.

Please join us at this meeting to recognize and celebrate Dave's many years of public safety and emergency management service. After the formal presentation, one of Dave's Incident Management teammates is organizing a casual gathering at a local downtown establishment. This will be a relaxed and informal opportunity to honor Dave. No RSVP is required.

