



June 26, 2024

Governing Board Communication

Agenda Item B-2

TO: MERA Governing Board

FROM: Heather Plamondon, Executive Officer

SUBJECT: Renewal of Agreements between MERA and County of Marin for Technical Services, Communications System Administration Services and Communications System Maintenance.

Recommended Action:

Authorize the Board President to execute one-year agreements with the County of Marin in the amount of \$212,862 for Technical Services, \$242,706 for Communications System Administration Services, and \$581,922 for Emergency Communications System Maintenance.

Background:

The Purpose of these three renewable agreements is to compensate the County of Marin for the Services provided for training, technical services, operations administration, system administration, engineering services and communications system maintenance. The County Technicians are the primary support providers for the MERA Gen One Radio system, including the microwave and backup power systems. They provide 24/7 monitoring and maintenance of the systems in use today.

The County Technicians are also involved with the transition planning and services associated with the Next Gen System, working with MERA Agencies and our vendor partners as the efforts to bring on the Next Gen System continue.

With the transition to Next Gen planned for early FY 24, staff has worked with the County of Marin to restructure these agreements to continue to meet the service needs of MERA members in conjunction with support from our vendor partners so the operations of the Public Safety Radio Systems will continue to support our communities. The revised Scopes of Work for each of these agreements will continue to be evaluated as we transition to the Next Gen System and decommission the Gen One infrastructure and will be updated as necessary for the future support needs.

The County has approved these agreements, and MERA General Counsel has approved them as to form.

Fiscal Impact:

The Governing Board approved sufficient funds in the FY24-25 Operating Budget to cover the costs of these agreements.