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MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 19, 2005
TO: MERA Board of Directors
FROM: Martin J. Nichols, Executive Officer
SUBJECT: AGENDA ITEM G: BOLINAS SITE STATUS REPORT

Under discussion is a new 100-foot tower built and owned by Crown Castle that includes MERA antennae and the west Marin volunteer paging system.

Attached is a copy of my October 2004 memo outlining the issues associated with this site. Also attached is my April 6, 2005 MERA Report (note item 3 – Bolinas site).

The Fire District has scheduled a community meeting for May 17th. The outcome of this meeting will affect the next steps.

MERA's estimated cost for a Crown Castle project is \$265,000. We estimated a site at the Martinelli's Ranch to cost \$389,000, plus monthly rental costs of \$1,000 to \$2,000.

Cost Sharing: Crown Castle Tower Replacement

Project: New 100 foot tower built and owned by Crown Castle that includes MERA and west Marin volunteer paging system.

Estimated Project Cost:

Tower	\$205,365
Equipment Building	100,000
Generator/Fuel Tank	15,000
Motorola Equip. Install	15,000
Paging System	60,000
Permits	<u>25,000</u>
TOTAL	\$420,365

Cost Sharing:

Tower		
Crown Castle	\$ 50,000	
MERA	50,000 (in lieu of rent)	
Bolinas FPD	<u>105,365</u>	
TOTAL	\$205,365	

Other Costs (MERA):

Paging	\$ 60,000	
Equipment Building	100,000	
Generator	15,000	
Motorola Equip. Install	15,000	
Permits	<u>25,000</u>	
TOTAL	\$215,000	

Total Project:

Crown Castle	\$ 50,000	
Bolinas	105,365	
MERA	<u>265,000</u> (tower & other costs)	
TOTAL	\$420,365	

How to apply the Bolinas-MERA cost sharing formula ($\frac{1}{3}$ MERA - $\frac{2}{3}$ Bolinas) will need to be addressed once a more certain project is developed.