MARIN EMERGENCY RADIO AUTHORITY

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MEMORANDUM

DATE:

December 17, 2008

TO:

MERA Board of Directors

FROM:

Farhad Mansourian

SUBJECT:

AGENDA ITEM E-3: OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommended Actions:

The Executive Committee at their December 10, 2008 meeting unanimously approved our recommendations as follow:

1 - Coverage

Authorize approval of the Tomales coverage upgrade project subject to approval by the Executive Committee upon receipt of a more detailed statement of work, funding, and timeline.

We will continue to explore the remaining Southern Marin and Tiburon coverage alternatives

2 - Capacity

Authorize Farhad Mansourian to begin negotiations to acquire 5 new radio frequencies for a cost not to exceed \$1,000,000.

Authorize approval of the recommended capacity improvement option subject to approval by the Executive Committee upon the acquisition of five new radio frequencies, the completion of FCC licensing, a more detailed statement of work, and financing.

3 - Growth

Authorize a moratorium on the purchase of additional new radios until the capacity issues have been resolved. Installation of replacement radios, and those radios already ordered, approximately 17, will not be curtailed.

Finances

Authorize the required expenditure.