



CITY OF SAUSALITO

Agenda Item C-1

"Preparing and Protecting our Community"

April 5, 2010

Marin Emergency Radio Authority (MERA)
C/O Novato Fire Protection District
95 Rowland Way
Novato, CA 94945

To the MERA committee members,

The City of Sausalito's Disaster Preparedness-Emergency Operations Program is seeking your approval to have a MERA Radio Base Station installed in our City's future Emergency Operations Center. The Emergency Operations Center will be located in Southern Marin Fire District Station #1. Southern Marin Fire District Station #1 and the Emergency Operations Center are currently under construction at 333 Johnson Street in Sausalito.

The MERA Radio Base Station will allow City of Sausalito Emergency Operation Center personnel to have reliable and dependable communications during times of disaster and emergencies. Emergency Operations Center personnel can have direct access to the City's law enforcement, fire, and public works personnel as well as Marin County Communications, and numerous other public safety organizations. This direct access will greatly reduce delays in vital information being transmitted to the individuals that need it most during times of crisis and will help to ensure the continuity of communications between all aspects of emergency personnel.

The MERA Radio Base Station in the Sausalito Emergency Operations Center will only be utilized during activations of the Emergency Operations Center for emergencies and disasters as well as for trainings. Only those individuals that are trained in the proper use of the MERA will be authorized to use the base station.

The City of Sausalito has already purchased the equipment for the base station in the Emergency Operation Center and we respectfully request your approval. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please feel free to contacted Captain John Rohrbacher or myself at (415) 289-4170

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "W. R. Fraass".

William R. Fraass
Sergeant
Emergency Services Manager