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NOVATO FIRE DISTRICT

NERA Executive Committee  
c/o Novato Fire Protection District  
95 Rowland Way  
Novato, CA 94945

Subject: Critical Marin County Jail Radio Amplifier Replacement

Dear Executive Committee Members:

The MERA system design specifically included a specialized amplifier system designed to provide MERA radio coverage in the jail. The amplifier system was overlooked during the MERA expansion project which has resulted in intermittent radio coverage in the jail. The intermittent coverage happens when the trunked system computer allocates one of the newly added expansion radio channels. Our Communications Division inquired as to whether the present unit could be modified to meet the new requirements. Unfortunately, this is not possible, and the unit needs to be replaced to accommodate the additional channels.

It is therefore recommended that MERA approve the replacement of the MERA radio amplifier system used to provide radio coverage in the jail at the estimated cost of \$50,000.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,



Farhad Mansourian  
Director  
NERA Operations Officer

Attached: Request letter from Marin County Sheriff

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