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MERA Executive Board
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Re: Requests for Waiver of Radio Moratorium

- California Department of Fish and Game
- Southern Marin Fire Protection District
- Novato Fire District

Accounting

Dear Directors:

Airport

On December 14, 2011, the MERA Board approved an Additional Radios Policy and Procedures for additional radio requests. The above entities are requesting the addition of the following radios:

Building Maintenance

California Department of Fish and Game	2
Southern Marin Fire Protection District	2
Novato Fire District	4

Capital Projects

Certified Unified Program
Agency (CUPA)

Communications
Maintenance

These requests were vetted through the Operations Issues Work Group, and were found to be consistent with the above policy. Operational concerns that were identified are being addressed on an individual basis. At this time, these additional radios should not have a significant negative impact on day to day operations of the MERA system.

County Garage

Disability Access

The California Department of Fish and Game is a non-member user. On May 16, 2012, the MERA Board adopted a zero rate fee schedule for Fiscal Year 2012-13 for mutual aid and automatic back-up aid agencies; therefore they would not be charged a fee.

Engineering & Survey

Flood Control &
Water Resources

Land Development

The Additional Radios Policy and Procedures requires the entity to pay for these radios and all costs associated with programming and alignment. In addition, training is recommended for all users before the radios are released for use, based on the end user curriculum approved by MERA. Training can be provided by the entity if they have an approved trainer on staff, or provided by Marin County staff with all costs borne by the entity.

Purchasing

Real Estate

Reprographic Services

Road Maintenance

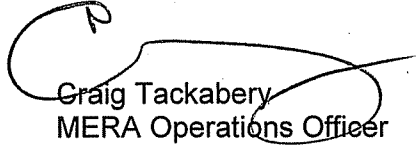
Stormwater Program

Transportation &
Traffic Operations

Waste Management

As outlined above, the waiver of the radio moratorium for this request, for 8 radios total, is recommended.

Very truly yours,



Craig Tackabery
MERA Operations Officer

Attachments



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Marin County
Department of Public Works

June 19, 2012

Craig Tackabery
Executive Committee
Marin Emergency Radio Authority
3501 Civic Center Drive
San Rafeal, Ca 94903

Subject: Request for two MERA radios

Dear Excecutive Committee:

The California Department of Fish and Game is respectfully requesting two handheld MERA radios for our full time sworn Game Wardens. This portable radios would be used to aid and support Wardens operations in Marin County. Since Wardens work alone and in remote areas where cell phone and vehicle radio use is limited or not available, these radios will allow the Game Wardens to be in continuous communication to respond to emergencies and work with allied agencies. In addition the MERA radios will be paramount for mutual aid and officer safety issues.

Please consider this request for the MERA radios to allow the safety and enforcement of our wardens in the County of Marin. If you have any question please do not hesitate to contact me. Lieutenant Jim Jones, at 707- 333- 4047

Sincerely,

Jim Jones # 440
Fish and Game
Patrol Lieutenant

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**Southern Marin
Fire Protection District**

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Mill Valley, CA 94941

Phone 415 289-4156 Fax 415 289-4158

07/27/2012

Craig Tackabery
Marin Emergency Radio Authority
95 Rowland Way
Novato, CA 94945

Re: Request for additional radios to be added to the MERA system

Dear MERA Executive Committee,

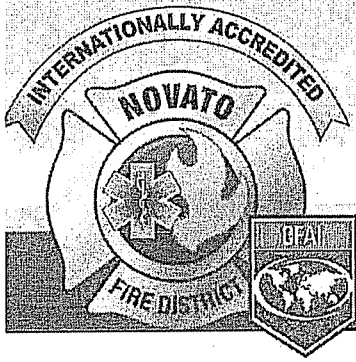
The Southern Marin Fire Protection District is formally requesting the addition of two radios to be added to the MERA operating system. This request is for the newly created position of Fire Prevention Officer (FPO) which carries a public safety title. The FPO is responsible for responding to fire incidents, medical aids, and fire investigations when requested by the dispatch center or Fire District personal. The FPO's primary contacts would be located on the fire template however, communicating with other agencies within the county may be required at times.

Overall use of these radios during normal operations would be insignificant but would increase when requested to respond to an incident as a life safety resource. There would most likely be no negative impact on the MERA system and the overall impact to the system would be negligible.

Please consider this request to allow for these additional radios to be added to the MERA system. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at the numbers listed below.

Thank you,

Fred Hilliard
Fire Prevention Officer
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NOVATO FIRE DISTRICT

Fire Chief Marc Revere

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August 26, 2012

Executive Committee
Marin Emergency Radio Authority
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San Rafael, CA 94903

RE: Request to add MERA radios

Dear Executive Committee,

The Novato Fire District will be adding a new ladder truck and two new paramedic ambulances to our existing fleet. The additional vehicles are in direct support of our Standards of Cover, Mission Statement, Center for Public Safety Excellence (CPSE) International Accreditation, Insurance Service Office (ISO) Fire Service Rating Schedule (FSRS) and National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) standard 1901 and forthcoming standard 1917.

The fire district anticipates adding three mobile radios (one per unit) and one portable radio for the reserve ladder truck.

Please consider this request to aid the district in meeting the needs of the communities we serve.

Sincerely,

Gerald McCarthy
Battalion Chief