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Re: Request for Waiver of Radio Moratorium

- Marin County Parks

Dear Directors:

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

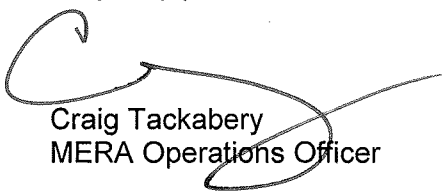
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These requests were vetted through the Operations Issues Work Group, and were found to be consistent with the above policy. Operational concerns that were identified are being addressed on an individual basis. At this time, these additional radios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

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.

As outlined above, the waiver of the radio moratorium for this request, for 11 radios total, is recommended.

Very truly yours,



Craig Tackabery
MERA Operations Officer

Attachments

Accounting

Airport

Building Maintenance

Capital Projects

Certified Unified Program
Agency (CUPA)

Communications
Maintenance

County Garage

Disability Access

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Water Resources

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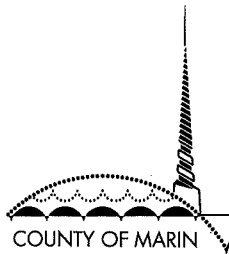
Reprographic Services

Road Maintenance

Stormwater Program

Transportation &
Traffic Operations

Waste Management



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SUBJECT: Petition for more MERA radios for Marin County Parks

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Dear Craig,

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With the passage of Measure A, we will be hiring additional staff sometime after July 2013 to help the maintenance and patrol of our parks and open space lands. Because of this increase in staffing I am petitioning your MERA board to allow our department to purchase eleven more MERA radios so they can be added to the system.

These radios will be going to five new rangers and two resource specialists. The radios will be crucial when working with Marin County Fire and other local fire agencies on control burns, wildland fires, and to communicate with the Communications Center for emergencies and code violations. Furthermore, with staff working in very remote locations throughout the county, it is imperative that they have a reliable source of communication for their own safety.

I appreciate your board's consideration of this petition.

Thank you,

Linda Dahl
Director and General Manager