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Re: Request for Waiver of Radio Moratorium

- Marin County Parks
- NorCal Ambulance, LLC

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:

Accounting

Airport

Building Maintenance

Marin County Parks	3
NorCal Ambulance	3

Capital Projects

Certified Unified Program Agency (CUPA)

The Marin County Parks request was 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. The NorCal Ambulance request is agendized for their May 7 meeting and a verbal update will be provided at your Board meeting.

Communications Maintenance

County Garage

NorCal Ambulance is a non-member user. On May 15, 2013, the MERA Governing Board adopted a zero rate fee schedule for Fiscal Year 2013-14 for mutual aid and automatic back-up aid agencies; therefore they would not be charged a fee.

Disability Access

Engineering & Survey

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.

Flood Control & Water Resources

Land Development

Purchasing

As outlined above, the waiver of the radio moratorium for Marin County Parks, for 3 radios total, is recommended. A recommendation for NorCal Ambulance will be provided at the meeting.

Real Estate

Reprographic Services

Very truly yours,

Road Maintenance

Craig Tackabery
MERA Operations Officer
Attachment

Stormwater Program

Transportation & Traffic Operations

Waste Management

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March 24, 2014

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Re: Petition for more MERA radios for Marin County Parks

Dear Craig,

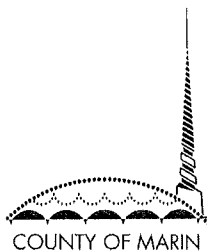
With the passing of Measure A, Marin County Parks hired additional staff last November to help with the maintenance and patrol of our park facilities. A full time Volunteer Coordinator has also been hired. Because of the increase in Parks staffing, I am petitioning that your board allow our department to purchase three additional MERA radios so they can be added to the system. Funding for these radios was approved in the Fiscal Year 2013-14 Parks Measure A budget.

These radios will be shared between three new Parks Rangers, the Volunteer Coordinator, extra hire staff, and the McNears Beach Park lifeguard station. They are crucial when working with the Marin County Sheriff and local fire agencies to communicate with the Com Center to report bike and vehicle accidents, wildfires, code violations and illegal activities in our parks ranging from public drunkenness to domestic violence. Furthermore, with staff working in very remote locations throughout the county, it is imperative that they have a reliable source of communication.

I appreciate your board's consideration of this petition.

Thank you,

Linda Dahl
Director



DEPARTMENT OF
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Promoting and protecting health, well-being, self-sufficiency, and safety of all in Marin County.



Larry Meredith, Ph.D.
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April 22, 2014

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Re: Moratorium exemption request for NorCal Ambulance, LLC

Dear MERA Board Members:

On April 14, 2009 the Board of Supervisors authorized the EMS Agency to issue a certificate of operation to NorCal Ambulance, LLC, in accordance with the provisions of Marin County Code, Chapter 7.60. While private ambulance companies in Marin primarily conduct non-emergency transports, the County does require that they be capable of responding to a 911 call upon request from County Communications. This requires that they have authorized access to the MERA system for these 911 calls only.

In the attached letter, NorCal Ambulance has requested approval for three (3) additional radios for an expansion of their ambulance fleet to comply with this requirement. NorCal will be financially responsible for the purchase of any equipment and programming. They also maintain a separate radio in each unit for normal company operations, which is used daily as their primary radio system.

Thank you in advance for your prompt response and cooperation with this request.

Sincerely,

Miles Julihn

Miles Julihn, Administrator
Marin County EMS Agency

Attachment: NorCal letter dated April 1, 2014