

Agenda Item A-3

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DATE: August 26, 2015
TO: MERA Governing Board
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SUBJECT: AGENDA ITEM **A-3**: NEXT GEN SYSTEM PROJECT
COSTS REIMBURSEMENT UPDATE

Recommended Action: Receive and file Report on Next Gen System Project Costs Reimbursement Update.

Background: Work on this project has been underway since the release of the Surety Substitution Policy and creation of the Project Fund by Bond Trustee BNY Mellon, which permitted placement of the \$2.063M Bond Reserve into the Project Fund.

As you know, on May 13, 2015 the Governing Board approved the First Amendment to the Indenture of Trust permitting use of the Reserve Fund for reimbursement to MERA for expenses incurred for the Next Gen Project to date and ongoing Next Gen costs. To access these monies, MERA has begun filing signed Requisitions stating the amounts to be disbursed, accompanied by invoices for each of the amounts, check numbers and payment dates. This Amendment followed the Governing Board approved Resolution 2013-01 in January 2013 declaring MERA's intent to seek reimbursement of Next Gen Project-related expenditures.

Bond Counsel Reyes drafted the Requisition format for submission to BNY Mellon which was subsequently approved by the Trustee. BNY also required the filing of Certificates of Incumbency which were/will be executed by the MERA President and NFPD Finance Director Hom, authorizing the Executive Officer to submit requisitions.

Requisitions with the required invoice documentation are being developed for each fiscal year's Next Gen expenses dating back to 2009 for MERA's initial strategic planning expenses. The first and second requisitions were submitted on July 31 for FY14-15 in the amount of \$376,917.13 and on August 11, 2015 for FY13-14 for \$398,998.67. Total estimated reimbursements of \$1.2M will be deposited in MERA's Next Gen Project Fund (70040?) upon receipt, to be reimbursed to MERA's Replacement Fund (70036) from Measure A Parcel Taxes. The remaining balance of an estimated \$.863M will be available from the current Bond Reserve to fund other Next Gen Project expenses in FY15-16 and beyond, again to be reimbursed from Measure A Parcel Taxes.

An update, based on Bond Counsel's advice regarding parcel tax use and use of proceeds of tax exempt securities to reimburse Next Gen expenditures, will be presented at this meeting.