

MARIN EMERGENCY RADIO AUTHORITY
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2004

1. Call to Order

Vice Chair Tom Gaffney called the meeting to order at 4:07 p.m. and Chair Steve Kinsey took over the meeting at 4:15 p.m. at the San Rafael Community Center.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Town of Fairfax	Alan Bengyel
City of Larkspur	Jean Bonander
City of Mill Valley	Don Hunter
City of Novato	Daniel Keen
Town of Ross	Tom Gaffney
City of San Rafael	Rod Gould
County of Marin	Steve Kinsey (<i>arrived at 4:15 p.m.</i>)
City of Sausalito	Dana Whitson
Town of Tiburon	Alex McIntyre
Bolinas Fire Protection District	Anita Tyrrell-Brown
Inverness Public Utility District	Wade Holland
Marin Community College District	Chuck Lacy (<i>arrived at 4:19 p.m.</i>)
Marin Municipal Water District	Ron Theisen
Marinwood Community Services District	Walter Dods
Novato Fire Protection District	Dan Northern (Alternate)
Southern Marin Fire District	Mike Stone
Stinson Beach Fire District	Kenny Stevens (Alternate) (<i>arrived at 4:10 p.m.</i>)
Tiburon Fire Protection District	Tim Harris

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

City of Belvedere
Town of Corte Madera
Town of San Anselmo
Kentfield Fire Protection District
Marin County Transit District
Ross Valley Fire Department
Twin Cities Police

STAFF PRESENT:

Gregory Stepanicich, Legal Counsel
Martin Nichols, Executive Officer
Richard Chuck, Communications Engineer
Elizabeth Lopez, Recording Secretary

GUEST

Bernard Meyers, City of Novato (Alternate)
Ian Johnson, Bolinas Fire Protection District (Alternate)
Alice Fredericks, Tiburon Mayor
Barry Lemieux, Tiburon

- A. Executive Officer's report.
Bayhill now has a building permit. Will start construction next week.
- B. Adopt minutes of August 26, 2004.
M/S – To adopt minutes of August 26, 2004 – Approved
- C. Open time for items not on agenda (*limited to three-minutes per speaker*). NONE
- D. Mt. Tiburon:
- 1) Report from the Negotiating Committee. (J. Bonander, D. Hunter & D. Whitson)
 - Committee met with Town and neighbors on September 22, 2004.
 - All agreed Mt. Tiburon is to be built.
 - Agreed to study Wolfback Ridge as a single site alternative to Mt. Tiburon.
 - Any two-site alternative is too expensive to for further consideration.
 - Wolfback must be able to receive coverage and warranty guarantees from Motorola.
 - Angel Island no longer under consideration because of cost and permitting issues.
 - If Wolfback can meet coverage and warranty requirements, it would be constructed to replace Mt. Tiburon.
 - Cost of replacement shared one-third MERA and two-thirds Town and neighbors.
 - 2) Adoption of an alternate site policy.

Motion:

1. Authorize staff working w/Motorola to analyze a MERA facility on Wolfback Ridge that is compatible w/Motorola coverage and warranty guarantee and can be licensed by the FCC.
2. Determine the costs of the new site.
3. Agree to abandoned Mt. Tiburon once the new Wolfback Ridge site becomes operational.
4. Conceptually agree to share the net cost of the new site one-third MERA two-thirds Tiburon and neighbors at a total cost not-to-exceed \$900,000.
5. Study on Wolfback Ridge feasibility to be completed by December 31, 2004.
6. Written agreements to be prepared between MERA & Tiburon to specify testing goals, criteria and costs and how MERA would proceed to abandon Mt. Tiburon once Wolfback is Operational.
7. Such agreement to be brought back for approval of the Board of Directors.

Approved 15-3

Opposed – Marinwood CSD, Stinson Beach FD and Inverness Public Utility District

Abstained – Marin Community College District

- 3) Authorize the Executive Officer to direct Motorola to construct the Mt. Tiburon MERA site.

M/S – To proceed with the construction and operation of the Mt. Tiburon site.–
Approved
Opposed Fairfax & Tiburon

E. Closed session – Conference with Real Property Negotiator (Government Code Section 54956.8). Property: Martinelli property, Bolinas California (a portion of APN 188-120-19 and APN 188-150-79). Agency Negotiator: Martin Nichols. Negotiating Parties: Peter Martinelli. Under Negotiation: Lease price and terms.

No reportable actions.

F. Adjourned at 5:32 p.m.

Martin J. Nichols, Executive Officer