



## INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT

Governing Board  
Marin Emergency Radio Authority

We have examined management's assertions included in the accompanying MERA Next Generation System Project Fund Schedule of Revenues Collected and Expenditures Paid for the year ended June 30, 2016, that MERA complied with the requirements of *Marin County Emergency Communications and 911 Response Measure* (Measure A), including:

- Measure A parcel tax proceeds were deposited to a special fund to be used solely for the *Next Generation System Project* (Section 3)
- Parcel taxes were assessed and collected in accordance with Measure A (Sections 4 and 6)

Management is responsible for MERA's compliance with the provisions of Measure A. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on management's assertion about MERA's compliance based on our examination.

Our examination was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and, accordingly, included examining on a test bases, evidence about MERA's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our examination provides a reasonable basis for our opinion. Our examination does not provide a legal determination on MERA's compliance with specified requirements.

In our opinion, MERA complied, in all material respects, with the aforementioned requirements for the year ended June 30, 2016.

*Maher Accountancy*

December 9, 2016



**MARIN EMERGENCY RADIO AUTHORITY  
NEXT GENERATION SYSTEM PROJECT FUND  
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES COLLECTED AND EXPENDITURES PAID  
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30 2016**

REVENUES COLLECTED

Parcel taxes	\$ 3,588,092
Interest	5,777
Total revenues collected	3,593,869

EXPENDITURES PAID

Incurred during fiscal year 2015-16

Radio system development	386,682
Parcel tax administration	88,431
Professional fees related to financing and parcel tax administration	48,810
Subtotal	523,923

Reimbursed to Marin Emergency Radio Authority for  
expenditures made in prior years:

Public education deemed necessary to obtain parcel tax funding	391,097
Direct costs for parcel tax administration	210,131
Cost of staff outreach support	173,315
Costs related to debt financing	7,603
Radio system development	144,167
Subtotal	926,313
Total expenditures paid	1,450,236

NET INCREASE AND CASH BALANCE AS OF JUNE 30, 2016	\$ 2,143,633
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**NOTE:**

Section 3 of Measure A refers to the *Next Generation System Project*, which is not specifically defined in the Ordinance. Management understands *Next Generation System Project* in the context of the following statement in Section 1: "It is the sole purpose and intent of this ordinance to impose a special parcel tax for fire protection and prevention services and for police protection services, including but not limited to obtaining, furnishing, operating, and maintaining a public safety and emergency radio communication system in cooperation with the Marin Emergency Radio Authority." Accordingly, costs related to planning, building and operating the radio system as well as costs incurred that were related to obtaining parcel tax revenue and other funding for the system are considered part of the *Next Generation System Project*.