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DATE: December 20, 2017
TO: Measure A Citizen's Oversight Committee
FROM: Dave Jeffries, Deputy Executive Officer for the Next Gen Project
SUBJECT: AGENDA ITEM D: Update on Status of Next Gen System Project

Recommended Action: Review, discuss and accept report.

Background:

We are currently in Customer Design Review (CDR) with Motorola. MERA is represented in these discussions by our Federal Engineering Project Manager, Denis Marin, MERA Operations Officer Ernest Klock, Richard Chuck and myself, supported by additional County and Federal Engineering staff, as needed. Mr. Klock has replaced Pat Echols, who has retired from County service. A few key issues:

- 1) Regional Planning Committee – MERA and Motorola have been focused on developing and delivering an application to the Regional Planning Committee (RPC) for the first step in the approval process for use of our frequencies. At this level, the focus is on ensuring we do not create conflicts with other users in the region. The application is on the agenda for review at the RPC meeting on 12/14/17. A verbal update will be provided.
- 2) Project Schedule – We anticipate a revised Project schedule from Motorola in late spring, 2018. At this point, we are anticipating delays from the original Project schedule for a variety of issues.
- 3) Next Gen Project Oversight Committee – The NGPOC met on 11/29/17. The meeting included discussions on: Project schedule; RPC application; coverage map review; maintaining the Gen I System; and, cost implications from the schedule delays.
- 4) Cutover Plan – We are currently in discussion with Motorola on technical details of the cutover plan as it relates to the transition period in which both the Gen I and Next Gen systems need to be operational and interoperable to allow users on both Systems to work together.
- 5) Coordination – At this point, the MERA Project Team has a bi-weekly call for internal coordination, the MERA Project Team and Motorola have a weekly Project Management meeting and a weekly Technical Issues call in addition to Ad Hoc meetings on specific topics.