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DATE: April 25, 2018
TO: MERA Governing Board
FROM: Ernest Klock, Operations Officer
SUBJECT: AGENDA ITEM C-1: DPW CEQA Update – Next Gen Project

Recommended Action: Review, discuss, and accept this report on the status of the CEQA process for the MERA Next Gen Project.

Background: This report provides the following tentative dates related to the release of the Notice of Preparation (NOP) and successive scheduling of the CEQA Scoping Meeting for the Subsequent Environmental Impact Report (SEIR) for the MERA Next Gen Radio Communications System project. The Notice of Preparation and Scoping Meeting are the first steps to initiating the SEIR.

The project team is currently reviewing Motorola’s Customer Design Review (CDR) package for the communication system and working towards the development of a summary project description (PD). The summary PD will be used for public notices and advertisements related to the CEQA process. A more detailed PD will be prepared for the draft SEIR after the close of the public scoping period, tentatively scheduled for mid-June 2018. The summary PD and NOP is scheduled to be presented for Governing Board approval at the May 9, 2018 meeting.

The schedule for the above referenced activities is presented below.

CEQA Next Steps & Tentative Dates	
<i>Milestone</i>	<i>Date</i>
MERA/Motorola Customer Design Review (CDR) Meetings	April 17-19, 2018
MERA approves preparation of Engineering Project Description (PD)	April 20, 2018
WRA provides draft Summary PD for MERA internal review	May 2, 2018
MERA comments on Summary PD due to WRA	May 4, 2018
WRA provides final Summary PD for NOP	May 8, 2018
MERA Governing Board Mtg. – approve distribution of NOP	May 9, 2018
MERA issues NOP (start 30 day scoping comment period), forward with letters to Tribes and interested agencies - PUBLIC Scoping Period Begins	May 16, 2018
MERA Initiates Consultations	May 21, 2018
CEQA Scoping Meeting – 7 PM, Embassy Suites (TENTATIVE)	June 6 or June 13, 2018
PUBLIC CEQA Scoping Period Closed	June 18, 2018