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DATE: June 20, 2018
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, David Mortimer, MERA Operations Officer Ernest Klock, Richard Chuck and myself, supported by additional County and Federal Engineering staff, as needed. We have also started the Environmental Review process. A few key issues:

- 1) Project Staff Change - Mr. Richard Chuck will be retiring in 08/2018. His replacement has not yet been announced. Mr. Chuck was hired as MERA's Communications Engineer early in the Gen I development process.
- 2) Project Schedule – We anticipate a revised project schedule from Motorola later this year. Once the CEQA process has been completed, we should be able to more accurately identify schedule milestones. The CEQA process has provided us additional time to work through the remaining Customer Design Review items.
- 3) California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) – MERA has published a Notice of Preparation and Project Summary and held a public scoping meeting. The scoping period concludes on 06/18/18. After that, MERA will be preparing a draft Subsequent Environmental Impact Report (SEIR) that will also be available for public comment. Following that comment period, a Final SEIR will be developed and provided for public comment followed by the MERA Governing Board considering the Final EIR later this year. The Notice of Preparation was publicly posted on MERA and the Marin County website, in the Marin Independent Journal and Santa Rosa Press Democrat and sent to over 300 people and organizations.

ATTACHMENT:

D-1 Marin IJ Article, dated 06/09/18 – Marin Emergency Radio System Update to Undergo Environmental Review