



## **NEXT GENERATION PROJECT**

### **January 2020 Governing Board UPDATE:**

- The Subsequent Environmental Impact Report (SEIR) for the Next Gen System Project was approved by the Governing Board on December 11, 2019. Furthermore, the Governing Board approved the MERA Next Generation Radio Communications System Project and the Preliminary Design Plans at the same meeting. The Notice of Determination was filed with the State Clearinghouse on December 13, 2019. With these actions, MERA has complied with CEQA and may proceed with construction of the MERA Next Gen Project.
- 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, Ethan Simpson and Deputy Executive Officer Dave Jeffries, supported by additional County and Federal Engineering staff, as needed. Staff is preparing a summary of the CDR documents, including in-depth descriptions of all critical submittals and what impact they will have on the NextGen Project. Due to the technical nature of the documentation, Staff proposes to first present its summary report to the NextGen Project Oversight Committee (NGPOC), so the NGPOC can provide the Governing Board with its recommendation for approval or rejection of the CDR documents. Final drafts of all the CDR documents are expected from Motorola at the end of February 2020. The next step would be approval of the Motorola Customer Design Review package which is anticipated to be brought before the MERA Governing Board in March or April of this year.

**Our MERA team relies on the input and participation of all of our 25 member agencies!  
Please be sure to share the above Project update with others at your agency.**

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