

MARIN EMERGENCY RADIO AUTHORITY

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 12, 2004
TO: MERA Board of Directors
FROM: Martin J. Nichols, Executive Officer
SUBJECT: AGENDA ITEM D: PROJECT STATUS REPORT

1. Mt. Sonoma – Petaluma Area

- Equipment building and Motorola equipment installed
- Power supply finished
- Microwave equipment has been received and will be installed on Big Rock and Mt. Sonoma beginning on February 9, 2004.
- Microwave tower is awaiting a building permit from Sonoma County.

We expect that this site will be operational in April (dependent on issuance of the building permit).

2. Bay Hill – Bodega Bay Area

We have supplied all the requested information for Sonoma County to process our application for a coastal permit. Sonoma staff has accepted our application as complete and is working on setting the hearing on our permit. We have asked for priority handling of our application (see attached letter).

We hope to have our final coastal and building permits by April.

Construction of this site is expected to take 90 days.

3. Martinelli – Bolinas Area

Surveying for the final lease is underway. John Roberto has been authorized to begin the permit review procedures with Marin County. Start of construction will depend on the required environmental review and issuance of building permits.

We have requested a proposal from Motorola to construct this site. The major elements of building out this site are the equipment building (90 days) site preparation (60 days), equipment installation (30 days). I am reluctant to start the building until we know more on the required environmental review and permit processes.

4. Southern Marin

- 1) We have requested a proposal from Motorola to build the Mt. Tiburon site if we obtain a favorable court decision.
- 2) The Southern Marin Site Committee is awaiting a project timeline from staff to complete its review of alternate sites.

5. Radios

- a) San Rafael public works and police departments are complete and operating on MERA.
- b) Installation for Fairfax, San Anselmo, Ross, College of Marin and Novato is set to begin once the ordered equipment has arrived. Fairfax, San Anselmo, Ross and College of Marin equipment is expected on February 13, 2004. Novato's order will be received on March 15, 2004.
- c) We have ordered equipment for the County OES, Hospitals and training personnel.
- d) Other agencies will have test radios and can begin working on their coverages as soon as Novato is finished with the training radios (week of February 9th).