

# 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 E: CHANGE IN FEES TO PLANNING CONSULTANT

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Recommended Action: Authorize the Executive Officer to execute an amendment to MERA's agreement with John Roberto and Associates to increase the service fee from \$100 per hour to \$130 per hour.

Background:

Mr. Roberto is very effectively engaged in assisting MERA in obtaining permits for Bay Hill and Martinelli (Bollinas). He is working very closely with the Southern Site Committee on alternate locations. If MERA does decide to build at sites other than Mt. Tiburon, Mr. Roberto will be very involved in that environmental review and permitting processes.

We have sufficient appropriations to cover the increased cost (estimated to be about \$3,000) for the balance of this fiscal year. This year we budgeted \$36,000 for planning and have spent about \$9,200 to date.