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Re: Request for Waiver of Radio Moratorium

- Humane Society

Dear Directors:

On December 14, 2011, the MERA Board approved an Additional Radios Policy and Procedures for additional radio requests. The following entities are requesting the addition of the following radios:

Humane Society	1
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Accounting

Airport

Building Maintenance

Capital Projects

Certified Unified Program
Agency (CUPA)

Communications
Maintenance

County Garage

Disability Access

Engineering & Survey

Flood Control &
Water Resources

Land Development

Purchasing

Real Estate

Reprographic Services

Road Maintenance

Stormwater Program

Transportation &
Traffic Operations

Waste Management

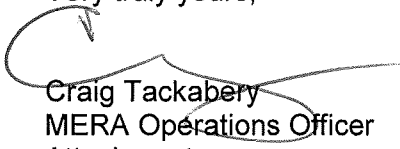
These requests were vetted through the Operations Issues Work Group, and were found to be consistent with the above policy. Operational concerns that were identified are being addressed on an individual basis. At this time, these additional radios should not have a significant negative impact on day to day operations of the MERA system.

The Human Society is a non-member user. On May 15, 2013, the MERA Governing Board adopted a zero rate fee schedule for Fiscal Year 2013-14 for mutual aid and automatic back-up aid agencies; therefore they would not be charged a fee.

The Additional Radios Policy and Procedures requires the entity to pay for these radios and all costs associated with programming and alignment. In addition, training is recommended for all users before the radios are released for use, based on the end user curriculum approved by MERA. Training can be provided by the entity if they have an approved trainer on staff, or provided by Marin County staff with all costs borne by the entity.

As outlined above, the waiver of the radio moratorium for this request, for 1 radio total, is recommended.

Very truly yours,


Craig Tackabery
MERA Operations Officer
Attachment



MARIN COUNTY ANIMAL SERVICES

October 10, 2013

Craig Tackabery
Marin Emergency Radio Authority
3501 Civic Center Drive
San Rafael, Ca. 94903

Dear Mr. Tackabery:

The Marin Humane Society requests the addition of one portable Mera radio due to increased manpower and field call volume needs.

Please consider this request to allow for the issuance and programming of one portable Mera radio.

If you have any questions regarding this request, please contact me at 415 506-6206.

Sincerely,

Steve Hill
Field Services Supervisor

