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DATE: March 21, 2018
TO: Measure A Citizen's Oversight Committee
FROM: Dave Jeffries, Deputy Executive Officer for the Next Gen Project
SUBJECT: AGENDA ITEM C: 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. A few key issues:

- 1) Project Staff Change - Mr. David Mortimer has replaced Denis Marin as our Project Manager from Federal Engineering. Mr. Marin will still be available to support the Project.
- 2) Regional Planning Committee – The RPC unanimously approved MERA's application at their meeting on 01/11/18. Since then, our application has completed frequency coordination and the FCC issued licenses on 02/09/18.
- 3) Project Schedule – We anticipate a revised Project schedule from Motorola in late spring, 2018. At this point, we are seeing a time savings of 3 to 4 months in the current draft schedule and are working with Motorola to find additional time savings.
- 4) Next Gen Project Oversight Committee – The NGPOC met on 03/19/18. The meeting included discussions on: CEQA process and timing of radio orders and additional technologies to support the cutover process and reduce the Project schedule. I will provide any further updates at today's meeting.
- 5) Low Income Senior Parcel Tax Exemption - Media Releases scheduled for: 03/05/18, 04/16/18, and 05/07/18 with applications due on or before 06/01/18. Information can be found at: http://meraonline.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/MERA_Measure_A_FAQs_2018-2019_Tax_Year.pdf
- 6) Coordination – At this point, the MERA Project Team has a bi-weekly call for internal coordination, the MERA Project Team and Motorola have a weekly Project Management meeting and a weekly Technical Issues call in addition to Ad Hoc meetings on specific topics, such as: Talkgroup Planning, Radio Features, Cutover Plans, Site Audit Reports, Architectural and Engineering Packages, Microwave Design and CEQA issues.