



## **NEXT GENERATION PROJECT**

### **May 2019 Governing Board UPDATE:**

- Expediting the Project efforts is a top priority and MERA staff is doing everything in their power to assist with this. The draft Subsequent EIR is currently under review. DPW is working with the team from Motorola regarding fast-tracking installation plans so construction can proceed upon completion of CEQA and final Customer Design Review. An updated schedule is expected August 2019.
- MERA continues to publicly promote the Low-Income Senior Homeowner Parcel Tax Exemption for 2020 through various media releases, the final announcement being scheduled on May 13<sup>th</sup>. The application deadline is June 1, 2019 and any senior within the \$82,200 income bracket is eligible. More information can be found on the MERA website: [www.meraonline.org](http://www.meraonline.org)
- As we prepare for the Next Gen System and have already issued some Multi-band Next Gen radios, the return procedure policy for MERA Gen 1 radios was presented to the Governing Board during April's meeting. A cache of donated radios for member agency use is being developed from donated equipment. All current System radios are Member Agency assets. Returned radios will be inventoried, de-programmed, de-encrypted, returned to members if requested or accepted as cache donations. The policy will also govern decommissioning of Non-MERA radios using our system.
- Motorola Legacy System is extending support through April 2020. Testing of the Legacy System boards is being conducted, and no communication system interruptions are expected during this process.

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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.**

Questions? Contact Deputy Executive Officer for the Next Gen System David Jeffries at [dave@jeffriespsc.com](mailto:dave@jeffriespsc.com)

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