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DATE: May 13, 2020

TO: MERA Governing Board

FROM: Raul Rojas, Acting Operations Officer

SUBJECT: AGENDA ITEM E-1: CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL (CHP)
 REQUEST FOR ACCESS TO MERA RADIO CHANNELS

Accounting

Recommended Action: Approve CHP request.

Airport

Background: On March 11, 2015, the Executive Board approved an Additional Radios Policy and Procedures for additional radio requests. The CHP submitted the attached request to program certain MERA frequencies into approximately 103 of their existing radios (mobiles & portables). The CHP currently possesses 14 radios that have limited access to the MERA system. As stated in their request, CHP use would be limited to mutual-aid assistance and not day-to-day operations. It is expected that only a small fraction of the 103 radios would be using the MERA system during such events. Per MERA policy, CHP's request was forwarded to the MERA Operations Working Group on April 15. All responses from the Group supported CHP's request. The Marin County Sheriff's Office was also consulted regarding the request and they also support it and confirmed that such use by CHP will not have any detrimental effect on dispatcher operations or system loading.

Building Maintenance

Capital Projects

Certified Unified Program
 Agency (CUPA)

Communications Maintenance

County Garage

Disability Access

Engineering & Survey

The CHP is an approved MERA non-member agency and has a Letter of Agreement on file with MERA. The Additional Radios Policy and Procedures requires the entity to pay for 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.

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Real Estate

Letter from California Highway Patrol

Reprographic Services

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Transportation &
 Traffic Operations

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March 26, 2020

File No.: 350.13920

Ernest Klock
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Dear Mr. Klock:

The Marin Area of the California Highway Patrol (CHP) requests your assistance with adding Marin Emergency Radio Authority (MERA) frequencies onto CHP radios. The request to add these frequencies is for mutual aid assistance, not for day-to-day operations, as addressed in the current MOU between CHP and MERA.

We would request to add MERA frequencies to 23 mobile radios and 80 portable radios. Specially, we are asking to add the primary and secondary talkgroups for all Marin Law Enforcement Agencies, Blue Command and Blue Tactical channels, as well as Police Department APB and all ICS talkgroups. The CHP's Telecommunications Section in Sacramento would handle the programming of our existing 8000 series multi-band Motorola radios via wifi update.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (415) 924-1100 or rmota@chp.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "R. D. MOTA".

R. D. MOTA, Captain
Commander
Marin Area

CC: Dave Jeffries

