

**MARIN EMERGENCY RADIO AUTHORITY**

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**DATE:** March 10, 2021  
**TO:** MERA Executive Board  
**FROM:** Dave Jeffries, Deputy Executive Officer for the Next Gen Project  
**SUBJECT:** AGENDA ITEM B-2: Report #81 on Next Gen System Project

Recommended Action: Review, discuss and accept report.

Current Updates:

- 1) Recent Project Meetings and Conference Calls:
  - a. MERA Project Calls: 01/18/21, 02/01/21, 02/16/21,
  - b. Implementation Project Team Calls: 01/19/21, 01/16/21, 01/27/21, 01/28/21, 02/01/21, 02/02/21, 02/09/21, 02/10/21, 02/12/21, 02/16/21, 02/17/21, 02/23/21
  - c. MERA Training Committee: 01/27/2021, 02/24/21
  - d. Member Briefings: 01/26/21, 01/28/2021
  
- 2) FCC Licenses
  - a. A request was submitted on behalf of MERA to the FCC to extend the slow growth permits we previously obtained. The frequencies were extended into 2023.
  
- 3) Key Project Summary Details:
  - a. Construction Bid Packages:
    - i. Bid Package #1 was awarded to Fidato by the GB on 02/24/21.
    - ii. Bid Package #1a has been released for public bid, Pre-Bid conference was held on 02/24/21. Award scheduled for GB Meeting on 04/28/21.
    - iii. Bid Package 2 is under development.
  - b. Tomales Site: SEIR Addendum completed and approved by GB on 02/24/21.
  - c. Member Briefings held 01/26 and 01/28/2021.
  
- 4) News Article:
  - a. On 02/26/2021, the Marin IJ published the attached article on the MERA Next Gen System. The comments thru 02/28/2021 are also attached.
  
- 5) MERA Newsletter:
  - a. MERA will be publishing a newsletter the week of 03/08/2021.
  
- 6) Budget Review:
  - a. The Finance Committee, with the aid of two subcommittees has been working with staff on updates to the MERA Next Gen Project budget and a Cash Flow Analysis. As the

Finance Committee next meets the same day as the Executive Board, a verbal update will be provided.

7) Project Summary Table:

<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Tasks Completed</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Bid Package #1 bid awarded.</li> <li>2. Bid Package #1a released for Bids.</li> <li>3. Tomales SEIR Addendum completed and approved by GB.</li> <li>4. Member Briefings complete.</li> <li>5. FCC Extension received.</li> </ol>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Upcoming Tasks</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Bid Awards for Dollar, Mt. Tiburon and Stewart Point. (Bid Package #1a)</li> <li>2. Start Civil Work – EOF, Civic Center, Mt Barnabe, Dollar Hill.</li> <li>3. Customer Witnesses Tests with Nokia and Motorola</li> </ol>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Tasks in Progress</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Complete final (Mill Valley) PG&amp;E agreement.</li> <li>2. Obtain MALT Easements.</li> <li>3. Complete Site Lease Agreements.</li> <li>4. Develop Talkgroup Templates and Radio Aliases.</li> <li>5. Develop Project Plan with AECOM.</li> <li>6. Budget and Cash Flow Analysis</li> <li>7. Mobile Installation / Portable Distribution from AFG Grant.</li> <li>8. MERA Newsletter</li> </ol>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Next Six Months</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Bid Awards – Wolfback Ridge, Mt Tamalpais, Pt Reyes, Sonoma Mt, OTA, Coyote Peak #1 and #2, San Pedro, Big Rock and Tomales.</li> <li>2. Start Civil Work – Dollar, Mt. Tiburon and Stewart Point.</li> <li>3. Motorola to begin Master Site installation.</li> </ol>

8) Site Overview: Those sites and tasks indicated in green are completed, yellow is in progress.

As of: 3/04/2021	Pre-Bid Activities						Bids			Construct		Staging		Installation			
	CEQA	Coastal Comm.	MALT	PGE	Assoc. Leases	Leases	Bid Packages	Bids Out to Bid	Bids Awarded	Start	Complete	Motorola	Nokia	Start	Complete	Accept	
Site																	
EOF	Green					Green	Green	Green									
Civic Center	Green					Green	Green	Green									
Big Rock	Green					Green	Yellow										
Mt. Tamalpais	Green					Green	Yellow										
Mt. Barnabe	Green					Green	Green	Green									
Point Reyes	Green	Green				Yellow	Yellow										
Dollar Hill	Green					Green	Green	Green									
San Pedro	Green					Green	Yellow										
Tiburon	Green					Green	Green	Green									
Sonoma Mount.	Green					Green	Yellow										
Stewart Point	Green					Green	Green	Green									
Tomales	Green	Green	Yellow	Green	Yellow	Green	Yellow										
Coyote Peak	Green		Yellow	Green		Yellow	Yellow										
Skyview Terrace	Green			Green		Green	Yellow										
Muir Beach	Green	Green		Green		Green	Yellow										
Wolfback Ridge	Green			Green		Yellow	Yellow										
OTA	Green					Yellow	Yellow										
Mill Valley	Green			Yellow		Yellow	Yellow										
	Green	Completed				Yellow	In progress			Grey	N/A	White	Pending				

Attachments:

Attachment B-2A: Marin emergency radio project set for construction, Marin IJ, 02/26/21 with public comments.