



NEXT GENERATION PROJECT

June 2022 Governing Board UPDATE:

- **Construction Progress**

Site construction is continually making progress as the Next Gen Project moves forward. This phase of the project has been divided into several Bid Packages, covering eighteen sites. Fidato Partners has been awarded the construction contract for multiple Bid Packages thus far.

Currently, MERA sites included in Bid Package #1 (EOF, Civic Center, and Mt. Barnabe) have officially completed the construction phase, and the Notice of Construction Completion was filed on May 18th, 2022. MERA sites included in Bid Package #1A (Dollar Hill, Tiburon, and Stewart Point) are still under construction but near completion.

MERA sites included in Bid Package #2 (San Pedro, Big Rock, and Sonoma Mountain) have also been awarded to Fidato. The Engineer's Estimate for this Bid Package was \$285,757 and the bid was awarded for \$252,200. A construction kick-off meeting was held on June 7, 2022, and construction has since begun at these locations.

- **Bid Package #3**

The sites included in Bid Package #3 (Tomales, Skyview Terrace, and Wolfback Ridge) are being presented to the Governing Board at the June 22, 2022, meeting for approval to be released to bid. AECOM initially estimated these sites at \$2,689,653, but due to increased costs and alterations to the design, the current Engineer's Estimate is \$3,381,996. Considerable effort has gone into the design review process, and these new costs will avoid previous errors resulting in change orders, as seen in Bid Packages #1 and #1A. MERA anticipates that the construction bid will be awarded by the end of the summer of 2022.

- **Connectivity**

Three distinct connectivity efforts are being pursued to connect MERA with MERA member agencies. This includes the maintenance of lines connecting dispatch centers to the MERA system, fire station alerting and the adjustment in how these signals are transmitted (from Next Gen to leased lines), and the new radio re-programming feature allowing for programming updates via a Wi-Fi signal, offered by the Next Gen System. MERA has negotiated an agreement with Marin IT to assist with developing the network topology and connectivity options, as well as preparing an initial equipment list based on the final design. The agreement will be presented to the Governing Board at the June 22, 2022, meeting.

- **Project Schedule**

The baseline project schedule has been updated and monthly reviews are being held with Motorola. Here are a few key dates outlining the remainder of the project:

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| Construction Phase Complete | October 12, 2023 |
| Complete End User Cutover | May 20, 2024 |
| Final System Acceptance | October 25, 2024 |

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