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## **Governing Board** **Minutes of January 26, 2022 Regular Meeting**

### **Call to Order and Introductions**

The teleconferenced regular meeting was called to order by President Pearce on January 26, 2022, at 3:32 p.m. Lorena Barrera called roll.

### **Governing Board Members**

Agency	Representative	Present	Absent	Late Arrival
Town of Corte Madera	Todd Cusimano	X		
Town of Fairfax	Chance Cutrano (Alternate)	X		
City of Larkspur	Dan Schwarz	X		
City of Mill Valley	Jacqueline Graf (Alternate)	X		
City of Novato	Amy Peele		X	
Town of Ross	Tom Gaffney	X		
City of San Rafael	David Spiller	X		
County of Marin	Dan Eilerman (Alternate)	X		
City of Sausalito	Bill Fraas		X	
Bolinas Fire Protection District	George Krakauer	X		
Inverness Public Utility District	Jim Fox and Shelley Redding (Alternate)	X		
Kentfield Fire Protection District	Mark Pomi and Ron Naso	X		
Marin Municipal Water District	Don Wick	X		
Novato Fire Protection District	L. J. Silverman and Michael Hadfield	X		
Southern Marin Fire Protection District	Cathryn Hilliard	X		
Stinson Beach Fire Protection District	Jesse Peri	X		
Tiburon Fire Protection District	Richard Pearce	X		
Central Marin Police Authority	Michael Norton	X		
Town of San Anselmo	Steve Burdo		X	
City of Belvedere	Jason Wu		X	
Town of Tiburon	Holli Their (Alternate)	X		3:52pm
Marin Community College District	Martin Langeveld		X	
Marin Transit	Mohammed Osman (Alternate)	X		
Marinwood Community Services District	Eric Dreikosen	X		
Ross Valley Fire Department	Tim Grasser		X	

### **Staff Present:**

MERA Interim Executive Officer  
 MERA General Counsel  
 MERA Deputy Executive Officer, Next Gen Project  
 MERA Administrative Assistant  
 Recording Secretary

Mary Morris-Mayorga  
 Trisha Ortiz  
 Dave Jeffries  
 Maura Griffin  
 Lorena Barrera

### **Guests Present:**

Federal Engineering  
 AECOM  
 Maher Accountancy

David Mortimer  
 Bruce Bagnoli and Jonathan Sprague  
 John Maher

A. Consent Calendar

All matters on the Consent Calendar are to be approved with one motion unless a Member of the Governing Board or the public requests that a separate action be taken on a specific item.

1. Minutes from December 8, 2021 Governing Board Meeting
2. Report No 120 on Strategic Plan Implementation
3. MERA Fiscal Year 2020-21 Audited Financial Statements and Auditors' Communication
4. Resolution 2022-01 Authorizing Public Meetings to Be Held Via Teleconferencing Pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(e) and Making Findings and Determinations Regarding Same

**MOTION:** M/S/C (Cutrano/Hilliard) to approve Consent Calendar Items 1 through 4. **Roll call vote**  
Ayes: All, Noes: None, Abstain: None

B. Executive Officer's Report

1. Report No 94 on Next Gen System Project

Dave Jeffries reviewed this report as included in the packet, noting that comments and feedback are being provided to Motorola today in hopes of being able to provide the revised construction schedule next month. A Project Management Plan is in progress and should be provided to the Board next month. There were no questions on this item.

2. Proposed Bid Package No. 2 for Big Rock, San Pedro and Sonoma Mountain Sites, and Notice Inviting Bids

This item was removed from the agenda and postponed to a future meeting.

3. Proposed Change Order #4 with Fidato on Bid Package #1A Tiburon

Mr. Jeffries reviewed this item as included in the packet. Member Hilliard voiced concern on and inquired about the scheduled completion date and what the Board might do to support staff. Mr. Jeffries estimated completion to be the second half of 2024, reviewed some of the causes for delays (design firm change, issues with drawings), and stated that if there were an opportunity for support, we would bring that to the Board.

**MOTION:** M/S/C (Eilerman/Cusimano) to approve Change Order #4 with Fidato on Bid Package #1A Tiburon. **Roll call vote** Ayes: All, Noes: None, Abstain: None

4. Other Information Items

Mr. Jeffries stated that there was a Board handout contained in the packet.

C. Operations Reports

1. MERA System Operations Update – December

Todd Williams reported on this item as included in the agenda packet, stating the network has been performing outstanding with no outages in December. Quarterly maintenance is being

performed and going well. He reminded agencies that after-market battery chargers are causing issues and only the proper batteries should be used. President Pearce inquired whether this was passed on to the Operations group; Mr. Williams noted this issue came up after the last Operations Meeting. Mr. Jeffries stated this was discussed at the Training Committee and agencies were provided with Motorola chargers, so it could become an agency cost if it continues.

2. Other Information Items – *none*

D. Open Time for Items Not on Agenda – *none*

E. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:02pm

Meeting recording can be located using this link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tN7MDiER55A>

Respectfully submitted by:



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MERA Interim Executive Officer and Secretary