



January 24, 2024
Agenda Item B-5

Governing Board Communication

TO: MERA Governing Board
FROM: Heather Plamondon, Executive Officer
SUBJECT: Other MERA Business

Recommended Action:

No Action

- MERA Governance Document(s) Review: At the last two MERA Executive Board Meetings (September and January) the EB has been working through the JPA Agreement and the MERA By Laws to update both documents to more align with current practice and needs. These documents are now with the MERA General Counsel for review and will be presented to the MERA GB at an upcoming meeting.
- Discussions with CDCR State Parole and East Bay Regional Communications System Air Support and Command Vehicle Teams for MERA System Access: Staff has received requests from both entities looking for access to the MERA System as we continue our transition planning in an effort to support more robust Mutual Aid. Staff will be working with the County Chiefs Associations to ensure the appropriate access is determined and with the County Radio Shop to make sure it is managed.
- ALERTCalifornia, Wildfire Camera Project: Staff has been working with the County Radio Shop to determine appropriate sites to re-engage the ALERTCalifornia Wildfire Camera Project. There are a number of cameras that are currently deployed with this program at MERA locations, but there is a desire to add Cameras and/or move them to the new monopoles that MERA has installed to provide better visibility. The first meeting with the ALERTCalifornia Team to discuss this expansion has not been set, but Staff will develop a proposal for the Boards consideration and an upcoming meeting.