



NEXT GENERATION PROJECT

June 2024 Governing Board UPDATE:

Construction:

Construction is complete on all MERA sites and Punch List and Change Orders are being reviewed for Bid Package 4 sites.

Radio Network:

Motorola has completed network installation at all sites. System optimization is complete, and they are working on punch list items at each site.

Dispatch Centers: Fire ECC was opened with NG Consoles and reach back capability to Gen One (thank you Radio Shop), the rest of the dispatch centers are preparing their back rooms and the install will begin in mid-July.

Microwave:

Punch list is underway.

Fire Station Alerting:

Installation of the system at the fire stations is completed. Functionality testing by Mach Alert is scheduled to begin in mid-July 2024. Reps from Hexagon, Mach Alert, Motorola, and MERA meet regularly to ensure project progress.

Cutover:

Cutover schedule provided by Motorola anticipates cutover to begin in August/September 2024. The process will require each agency to move over to new talk group templates and new frequencies, stepping away from the existing Gen 1 System. Cutover Plan specifics have been updated following the recent meeting in April 2024. MERA will also be replacing Marin County's Volunteer Paging Network with new technology. New equipment will be installed in all Dispatch Centers prior to final cutover creating a smooth transition.