



**To: Bay Area UASI Approval Authority**

**From: Barry Fraser, General Manager**

**Date: September 12, 2013**

**Re: Item #10: Report from the Bay Area Regional Interoperable Communications System Joint Powers Authority (BayRICS Authority)**

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**Recommendations:**

Receive and File Report

**Action or Discussion Items:**

Report from General Manager of the BayRICS Authority on the activities and progress of the BayRICS Authority for August 2013.

**Discussion/Description:**

**1. BayRICS Administration**

The BayRICS Board of Directors did not hold a meeting in August. The Board's next meeting is scheduled for Thursday September 12 at 1:30 PM at the Alameda County Sheriff OES in Dublin.

**2. Staff Activities**

Staff attended the following meetings over the past month, including:

- Northern California Chapter of the Alliance of Public-Safety Communications Officials (NAPCO) – GM Fraser was asked to speak at the August NAPCO meeting, held aboard the USS Hornet in Alameda on Friday Aug. 9. Over 120 Northern California NAPCO members attended this meeting.
- Alliance of Public-Safety Communications Officials (APCO) Annual Conference – GM Fraser spoke about BayRICS and BayWEB on a panel at the APCO International Conference in Anaheim, CA on August 20. Fraser and TAC representatives also attended meetings with FirstNet directors and staff and APCO special sessions on public safety data communications and systems.
- GM Fraser will attend the FirstNet Public Safety Advisory Committee (PSAC) meeting in San Diego on September 11. Fraser was recently named to represent the National Association of Telecommunications Officers and Advisors (NATOA) on the PSAC.

### **3. First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet)**

**Spectrum Lease Negotiations.** BayRICS has not yet executed a spectrum lease with FirstNet. At its August 13 meeting, the FirstNet Board extended the current deadline to complete lease negotiations with BayRICS to September 30, 2013. However, other BTOP grantees were not so fortunate. Three BTOP projects--Charlotte, NC, Adams County, CO and the state of New Jersey--have concluded negotiations without obtaining a spectrum lease. Currently, only BayRICS, the State of Mississippi and Harris County, TX are still in negotiations (LA-RICS and New Mexico have already obtained leases).

The outstanding issue with our lease negotiations involves a recent request by FirstNet to modify several conditions in the "BOOM" Agreement with Motorola, including changes to certain technical specifications and timing of the transfer of the BayWEB system to FirstNet. GM Fraser met with FirstNet GM Bill D'Agostino and Assistant GM TJ Kennedy at the APCO conference in Anaheim to review the proposed changes and develop a path forward.

Over the next two weeks, BayRICS has scheduled a series of meetings with FirstNet and Motorola to address these issues. An update on these meetings will be provided on September 12.

**FirstNet Meetings and Activities.** The FirstNet Board of Directors held a meeting on August 13. In addition to extending the negotiations period for BayRICS, FirstNet also announced the re-appointment of Directors Sue Swenson, Jeff Johnson and Teri Takai to additional three-year terms. Director Bill Keever announced that he will not return to the Board. His replacement will be named at a later date. FirstNet also approved a \$194 million budget for the 2014 fiscal year.

**California First Responder Network (CalFRN).** On August 28, BayRICS received notice of the formation of California First Responder Network (CalFRN) Board of Directors. This board will oversee the planning and deployment of FirstNet in California. According to the letter, the Board will be made up of 15 members from the following groups:

- Public Safety Communications, Assistant Director (State Point of Contact, FirstNet)
- Governor's Office of Emergency Services, Director
- Department of Technology, Director and California State Chief Information Officer
- California Department Finance, Director
- California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, Director
- California Highway Patrol, Commissioner
- Emergency Medical Services Authority, Director
- BayRICS, Appointee
- LA-RICS, Appointee
- California Police Chiefs Association, Appointee
- California Fire Chiefs Association, Appointee
- California State Sheriffs Association, Appointee

- Industry, two (2) Representatives
- Tribal, Governor's Office Tribal Advisor

The BayRICS Board will designate a representative to CalFRN at its September meeting.

**California State and Local Implementation Grant Program (SLIGP).** On August 19, the NTIA announced the award of a \$5.6 million SLIGP grant to California. This grant, which requires a 20% match from the State, will help pay the costs of state planning for the FirstNet nationwide public safety broadband network.