



To: Bay Area UASI Approval Authority

From: Barry Fraser, General Manager

Date: October 10, 2013

Re: Item #11: Report from the Bay Area Regional Interoperable Communications System Joint Powers Authority (BayRICS Authority)

Recommendations:

No Recommendations

Action or Discussion Items:

Discussion Only

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 held a special meeting on September 16 at the Alameda County Sheriff OES in Dublin. The Board heard a report from General Manager Barry Fraser on the status of Spectrum Lease negotiations with FirstNet. Fraser informed the Board that FirstNet is seeking several modifications to the "BOOM" agreement between BayRICS and Motorola prior to the approval of a Spectrum Lease. The Board authorized GM Fraser to execute a revised Spectrum Lease with FirstNet, and to continue to negotiate changes to the BOOM Agreement and develop recommendations for the Board's approval. The Board also appointed General Manager Barry Fraser and Chair Rich Lucia as representatives on the California First Responder Network (CalFRN) Board of Directors. CalFRN will oversee FirstNet planning and consultation in California.

The BayRICS Authority's next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday October 10 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:

- GM Fraser attended 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.
- Fraser met with FirstNet consultants on September 24 to answer questions about anticipated BayWEB user support and billing functions. FirstNet consultants are developing a Request for Information (RFI) to gather information on customer support and billing solutions for the nationwide network, and offered BayRICS the opportunity to provide input on the RFI requirements.

3. Spectrum Lease Negotiations.

BayRICS has not yet executed a spectrum lease with FirstNet. The FirstNet Board deadline to complete lease negotiations formally ended on September 30, 2013, however the parties continue to discuss options. The NTIA granted Motorola Solutions, Inc. an extension on its BTOP grant to December 31, 2013.

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 and BayRICS officers continue to meet with FirstNet and Motorola to review the proposed changes and develop a path forward.