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**NEXTGEN RCS BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
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SAN DIEGO COUNTY – IMPERIAL COUNTY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Wednesday, May 9, 1:00 p.m.

COUNTY OPERATIONS CENTER
5500 OVERLAND AVENUE, ROOM 120
SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA 92123

Meeting was called to order at 1:01 p.m.

PRESENT: Directors Bill Paskle, Chair; Holly Crawford, Vice Chair, Tony Ray; Henry Tsui; Manuel Rodriguez; Brett VanWey; Chuck Peraza; Alex Silva.

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Roll Call and Determination of Quorum - The following Directors were in attendance and a quorum was established:

Chief Manuel Rodriguez, San Diego County Police Chief's and Sheriff's Association

Commander Tony Ray, San Diego County Sheriff's Department

Ms. Holly Crawford, San Diego County Office of Emergency Services

Chief Bill Paskle, San Diego County Fire Chiefs' Association

Chief Alex Silva, IVECA

Chief Chuck Peraza, IVECA

Mr. Henry Tsui, Caltrans

Chief Brett VanWey, San Diego County Fire Chiefs' Association

2. Welcome and Introduction - Chief Paskle welcomed the group and presented Chief Mike Davis with a Certificate of Appreciation as a member of the RCS Board of Directors for the past four years. Chief Davis introduced Chief Michael Calderwood as his replacement as Fire Chief at Carlsbad Fire Department.

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*Chief Bill Paskle, Alpine Fire Protection District (Chair) - Holly Crawford, OES, County of San Diego (Vice Chair)
Commander Tony Ray, San Diego County Sheriff's Department - Chief Manuel Rodriguez, National City Police Department -
Blair King, City of Coronado - Chief Brett VanWey, San Marcos Fire Department
Henry Tsui, Caltrans – Mr. Tony Rouhotas, IVECA - Chief Chuck Peraza, IVECA*

3. Purpose of the meeting is to conduct the business of the NextGen RCS Board of Directors.
4. Approval of the NextGen RCS Board of Directors' Minutes for the Meeting of February 7, 2018.

ACTION:

ON MOTION of Chief Rodriguez, seconded by Chief Silva, the Board of Directors approved the Minutes for the Meeting of February 7, 2018.

AYES: Directors Bill Paskle, Henry Tsui, Alex Silva, Holly Crawford, Manuel Rodriguez, Tony Ray, Blair King, Chuck Peraza, and Brett Van Wey.

5. Public Comments - There were no public comments.
6. Revenue/ Billing Update (January-April 2018)
 - 6.1 Network Operating Cost (NOC) Billing and Revenue - See attachment
 - 6.2 Trust Fund Balance - See attachment

7. Network Operations Update

7.1 Monthly Reports (February – April 2018) – Mr. Root reported:

February 2018: 3.1 million conversations with 34 busies. There were no incidents to report.

March 2018: 3.5 million conversations with 255 busies. There were no incidents to report.

April 2018: 3.3 million conversations with 55 busies. There were no incidents to report.

8. Administrative Update

8.1 Grants Update – Mr. Brooks reported on the additional \$240,000 funding received from the 2016 UASI Grant which was the staff augmentation to support the NextGen Project. This will bridge the gap between 2015 and 2017 grants and the 2017 Grant will pay for consultant services until December 2019 and fully fund the staff augmentation for the RCS. The UASI Grant funded the RCS console upgrade project for all 11 dispatch centers in the region. Four (4) dispatch center console installations are completed: Chula Vista Fire, Coronado, National City, and Heartland. Four (4) are currently active: Oceanside will be completed by this week; La Mesa will be completed by the end of the month; El Cajon is scheduled for completion in early June; and North Comm Fire's consoles are scheduled to be delivered in May and installation scheduled in August. Of the 11 dispatch centers, three (3) agencies haven't issued

Purchase Orders: Chula Vista PD, Escondido and Carlsbad; but all three agencies are on track to meet the December 2018 deadline.

8.2 Training Update – Ms. Dorame reported on 709 completed field classes and 63 console classes with a total of 772 participants trained to date. The roll over goal from 2016/2017 has been exceeded. There are six (6) classes confirmed through June.

9. Major Projects Update

9.1 NextGen RCS Project Status- Mr. Hazlett reported the Phase II project is 75% complete. Five (5) sites with antenna towers are structurally over loaded. There is no County jurisdiction for these five sites and staff is currently working on getting these issues resolved. This may delay coverage testing by 3-6 months. Site readiness is also in question for two Imperial sites at Salton and Calexico; Mr. Schmidt is coordinating with the appropriate authority for these sites. Adjustments have been made in the project schedule to account for the delay. Project scope and budget are not expected to change. Phase III new site construction continues at Carlsbad Ellery and Harmony Hill and are scheduled to be completed in June. Construction design is complete for the San Onofre Peak and Camp Pendleton and waiting for approval from the US Navy. The County closed escrow in the Pala area and the process to develop the site is underway and is expected to take one year. Sites are actively being pursued for Encinitas and Solana Beach. Based on radio coverage projection, sites are also being explored in the East County and Ramona Country Estates area. Overall project scope and budget are on track but completion schedule will be pushed back for a few months and a change order needs to be approved by all parties to agree on the new schedule date.

9.2 RCS Site Projects Status – updates covered in the NextGen RCS Project Status

9.3 IVECA Project - Mr. Schmidt reported the Cahuilla project, which is a joint venture with BLM, Navy and IVECA to establish a communication site on Eastern and Imperial County, has stalled due to funding issue with the U.S. Navy. All groups continue to meet regularly and anticipate that the project will continue in the near future. IVECA's role in this project is providing the generator, automatic transfer switch, and commercial power to the site. IVECA received approval for an unlicensed microwave link from the Ogilvie Communication site over to the CHP Winterhaven to replace the T1 site. IVECA's purchasing procurement policy requires a formal bidding process. Mr. Schmidt extends his appreciation to Mr. Guzman for his assistance on the project.

9.4 800 MHz Rebanding – Mr. Root reported the South and East Simulcast Cells were retuned during March. 56% of the infrastructure completed, with the Conventional and 9 IR sites (17%), as well as the North Simulcast (27%) remaining to be done. In early April, TelMex, the last blocking carrier in Mexico, signed an agreement to migrate their remaining sites. Based on this agreement, the remaining sites to be retuned will be licensed. Once TelMex has cleared, the retuning of the remaining sites can proceed (working with Imperial Irrigation

District, the State, San Diego Transit, one business licensee, and the City or San Diego) to be returned.

9.5 Southern California System Interconnection Study- Mr. Root reported the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has provided funding for a study covering what it would take to interconnect the public safety trunked systems in Southern California, to allow users of individual systems to respond across system boundaries for mutual aid purposes. The study will lead to a report that could serve as the basis for a potential regional implementation project that might be funded by DHS in the future.

Discussion: Ms. Crawford inquired if funding will be provided for the implementation of this project or just the cost study analysis. Mr. Root replied that DHS is funding the analysis for now but the implementation could be a future regional grant in future fiscal year.

9.6 First Net Update – Mr. Brooks reported First Net implemented their core infrastructure, one year after signing with AT&T, but not ready to support subscribers yet. Information has been released on what applications and equipment could be put on the infrastructure. AT&T has a three year build out time frame. Coverage wise, First Net is not anticipating having full foot print of Band 14 until 2020. The Sheriff's Department is researching how to interface the end user equipment into the RCS core system and what the overall impact it will have. The Board will be informed what the pros and cons are with integrating First Net with the RCS radio systems.

10. Consent Agenda

10.1 Request the RCS Board approve a new RCS Customer Agreement for Rady Children's Hospital for ten (10) radios on the RCS.

10.2 Request the RCS Board approve Mercy Medical Transportation to increase their radio limit from 50 to 125 radios.

10.3 Request the RCS Board approve State of California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) - Office of Correctional Safety (OCS) to increase their radio limit from 14 to 35 radios.

ON MOTION of Chief Rodriguez, seconded by Chief Peraza, the Board of Directors approved the Consent Agenda.

AYES: Directors Bill Paskle, Henry Tsui, Alex Silva, Holly Crawford, Manuel Rodriguez, Tony Ray, Chuck Peraza, and Brett Van Wey.

11. Main Agenda

11.1 Request the NextGen RCS Board approve a Mutual Aid Agreement with the State of California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) for up to 770 radios.

Discussion: Mr. Root reported The California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) operates 36 Correctional Institutions in California and have their own internal trunk radio systems. Three of these facilities are located in the RCS service area, RJ Donovan in Otay Mesa, and Calipatria and Centinela both in Imperial County. There are two located in southern Riverside County and each had a Fire, EMS, Transportation and SWAT Team component.

ON MOTION of Chief Silva, seconded by Chief Rodriguez, the Board of Directors approved the Main Agenda.

AYES: Directors Bill Paskle, Henry Tsui, Alex Silva, Holly Crawford, Manuel Rodriguez, Tony Ray, Chuck Peraza, and Brett Van Wey.

12. Roundtable- None

13. End of Meeting - The meeting ended at 1:26 p.m.

Next Board of Directors Meeting is on Wednesday, July 11, 2018 at 1:00 p.m.

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5500 Overland Avenue, Room 120, San Diego, CA 92123