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NEXTGEN RCS BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, October 11, 2023, 1:00 PM
5500 OVERLAND AVE., ROOM 120
SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA 92123

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AGENDA

1. Call to Order (Graham Mitchell, Chair)
2. Roll Call and Determination of Quorum (Chair)
3. Purpose of Meeting (Chair)
4. Approval of Minutes (July 12, 2023) (Chair)
5. Public Comment (limited to three minutes per speaker) (Chair)
6. Revenue/Billing Update (July-September 2023) (Gayda Pia)
 - 6.1 Network Operating Cost (NOC) Billing and Revenue
 - 6.2 Trust Fund Balance
7. Network Operations Update (Dave Brooks)
 - 7.1 Monthly Reports (July-September 2023)
8. Administrative Update (Mayla Alvaro)
 - 8.1 Training Update

NextGen RCS Board of Directors

SAN DIEGO COUNTY - IMPERIAL COUNTY

*Graham Mitchell, City Manager, City of El Cajon (Chair) - Chief Brian Boggeln, Alpine Fire Protection District (Vice Chair)
Commander Dustin Lopez, San Diego County Sheriff's Department - Jeff Toney, Director, San Diego County Office of Emergency Services
Chief Jose Tellez, National City Police Department - Chief Dan Barron, San Marcos Fire Department - Jason Akbari, Caltrans
Jimmy Duran, Brawley Police Department, IVECA - Chief Robert Sawyer, El Centro Police Department, IVECA*

9. Major Projects Update (Santiesteban/Schmidt)
- 9.1 RCS Site Projects Status (Luis Santiesteban)
- Generator replacement
 - HVAC replacement
 - Facilities update
- 9.2 NextGen RCS Project Status (Luis Santiesteban)
- *Black Mountain*
- 9.3 IVECA Projects (Mark Schmidt)
10. Consent Agenda (Chair)
- 10.1 Request the RCS Board approve a new mutual aid agreement with US Department of Interior, Bureau of Land Management for 100 Radios.
- Staff background/recommendation:*
US Department of Interior, Bureau of Land Management has an operational requirement to communicate with public safety and public service agencies in the US Department of Homeland Security, Customs and Border Protection, San Diego County, and Imperial County region that currently use the RCS network. The access to RCS will be primarily used for emergency and routine mutual aid communications. US Department of Interior, Bureau of Land Management requests approval for 100 mutual aid radios. Staff recommends approval.
- 10.2 Request the RCS Board approve a new mutual aid agreement with *California*. Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation - Richard Donovan Correctional Facility Fire House (Donovan State Prison) for 20 radios.
- Staff background/recommendation:*
Donovan State Prison has an operational requirement to communicate with all San Diego County based fire departments to assist with fire suppression and rescue applications when resources are needed. The access to RCS will be primarily used for emergency and routine mutual aid communications. Staff recommends approval.
- 10.3 Request the RCS Board approve US Customs and Border Protection (San Ysidro Port of Entry) for 31 Radios.
- Staff background/recommendation:*
San Ysidro Port has operational requirement to communicate with public safety and public service agencies in the US Department of Homeland Security, Customs and Border Protection, San Diego County, and Imperial County region that currently use the RCS network. The access to the RCS will be primarily used to communicate with National Security, Federal Law Enforcement for emergency and routine mutual aid communications. US Customs and Border Protection (San Ysidro Port) requests approval for 31 mutual aid radios. Staff recommends approval.

- 10.4 Request the RCS Board approve US Department of Justice - Drug Enforcement Administration, San Diego Field Division (DEA) to increase their radio limit from 16 to 60 radios for mutual aid use.

Staff background/recommendation:

US Department of Justice Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) is an existing mutual aid agency with 16 radios under the agreement. DEA has an operational requirement to communicate with local agencies from San Diego County and Imperial County for joint interagency operations. DEA requests to add up to 44 radios to meet their current and future needs. Staff recommends approval.

11. Main Agenda

(Chair/Brooks)

- 11.1 Request the RCS Board to approve the addition of Bendix King BKR 9000 series as a new provider for subscriber radios.

Staff background: With the implementation of a P25 Standards radio network, RCS agencies are no longer limited in their selection of subscriber radio equipment. Bendix King has requested that their Bendix BKR 9000 portable series radios be approved as an RCS recognized subscriber unit. RCS Subscriber Staff has evaluated these units in the field with an RCS agency.

- Approval of the *Bendix King BKR 9000 series* on the RCS will result in one-time start-up costs to the RCS of an estimated \$20,000 for
 - Programming & service software
 - Programming technician training
 - Technician test fixtures and cables
 - The development of an RCS User training module for this radio and integration into the RCS Training Program. All RCS public safety users will need to be instructed in the basics of the radio operation in order to maintain user familiarity in emergency conditions.

In addition, staff estimates there will be an ongoing annual expense of \$5,000 to support ongoing RCS User and Technician training, and any software licensing subscriptions.

- Under the NextGen Partnership Agreement, any RCS agency desiring to place these radios into service on the RCS and utilize the Over The Air radio Programming (OTAP) or Over The Air encryption rekeying (OTAR) features will need to fund any Bendix King-specific infrastructure and installation services required to support OTAP or OTAR as a part of their initial purchase. The RCS Board would have to determine if any support & ongoing software services expense to support these interfaces would become an RCS Network support expense or be borne by the agency procuring the interfaces.

Staff Recommendation:

1. *Staff recommends approval, with the understanding that the Bendix King BKR 9000 series radios do not operate in the manner that current radios on the RCS network operate, and the introduction of the Bendix King BKR 9000 series radios will create added expense to the RCS through increased programming and training costs.*
2. *Staff recommends the RCS Board require that the personnel of any agency implementing the Bendix King BKR 9000 series radios complete the applicable updated RCS Training Course(s) to ensure that field personnel have been made aware of the operational differences between the Bendix King products and non-Bendix King products within 6 months of introduction into the radio fleet.*

11.2 Election of Chair and Vice Chair (Brooks)

Staff background: The Chairperson and Vice Chairperson of the NextGen RCS Board of Directors shall be elected by a majority vote of the NextGen RCS Directors. The Chairperson and Vice Chairperson shall serve at the discretion of a majority of the NextGen RCS Directors, i.e., they may be replaced at any time by a majority vote of the NextGen RCS Directors. The Chairperson and Vice Chairperson shall be selected from members representing NextGen RCS Parties other than IVECA and Caltrans.

Nominations for Chair

Vote for Chair

Nominations for Vice-Chair

Vote for Vice-Chair

11.3 Request the RCS Board to appoint board members to serve on the RCS Budget Committee.

Staff background: Current Budget Committee Members are Chief Jose Tellez, Commander Rob Smith and Chief Brian Boggeln. Commander Smith and Chief Tellez are no longer available to serve on the Budget Committee due to retirements. Budget Committee Members will meet with staff in December or January (depending on availability) to discuss FY 24-25 Budget and finalize budget recommendation for RCS BOD February 2024 meeting.

11.4 Proposed 2024 Meeting Schedule. Request the RCS BOD approve the 2024 Meeting dates:

Venue for all quarterly RCS BOD meetings:

- 1st Quarter - Wednesday, February 14; 1:00 p.m. **5590** Overland Ave, Rm. 101 (**Crime Lab**), San Diego, CA 92123
- 2nd Quarter - Wednesday, May 8; 1:00 p.m. 5500 Overland Ave. Rm. 120, San Diego, CA 92123

- 3rd Quarter - Wednesday, July 10; 1:00 p.m. 5500 Overland Ave. Rm. 120, San Diego, CA 92123
- 4th Quarter - Wednesday, October 9; 1:00 p.m. **5590** Overland Ave, Rm. 101 (**Crime Lab**), San Diego, CA 92123

*Staff background/recommendation: The BOD must meet at least once per quarter. If the BOD finds that additional or more frequent meetings are required, the BOD can add or change the schedule as needed. **Due to upcoming election next year, the usual meeting room at 5500 Overland Ave. is not available for February and October meeting dates. The meeting location for these months will be at 5590 Overland Crime Lab.***

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| 12. | Roundtable | (Chair) |
| 13. | Conclude | (Chair) |

**Next Meeting Date:
 Wednesday, February 14, 2024 at 1:00 PM
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