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**NEXTGEN RCS BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MINUTES OF THE MEETING**

SAN DIEGO COUNTY – IMPERIAL COUNTY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Wednesday, October 11, 2023 1:00 p.m.

5500 OVERLAND AVENUE, ROOM 120
SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA 92123

Meeting was called to order at 1:29 p.m.

PRESENT: Directors Graham Mitchell; Mike Sims; Dustin Lopez; Dan Barron; Jeff Chumbley; Stephen Rea; Jason Akbari

AGENDA ITEMS

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

Mr. Graham Mitchell, San Diego City/County Managers Association (Chair)
Chief Mike Sims, San Diego Fire Chief's Association
Commander Dustin Lopez, San Diego County Sheriff's Department
Chief Dan Barron, San Diego Fire Chief's Association
Chief Jeff Chumbley, San Diego Fire Chief's Association
Mr. Stephen Rea, OES, County of San Diego
Note: Mr. Jason Akbari, Caltrans, joined meeting at 1:15 p.m.

2. Welcome and Introduction – Mr. Graham Mitchell welcomed the group.
3. Purpose of the meeting is to conduct the business of the NextGen RCS Board of Directors.

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*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
Chief Jimmy Duran, Brawley Police Department, IVECA – Chief Mike York, Brawley Fire Department, IVECA*

4. Approval of the Nextgen RCS Board of Directors' Minutes for the Meeting of July 12th, 2023.

ACTION:

ON MOTION of Chief Barron, seconded by Chief Chumbley, the Board of Directors approved the Minutes for the Meeting of July 11, 2023.

AYES: Directors Graham Mitchell; Mike Sims; Dustin Lopez; Dan Barron; Jeff Chumbley; Stephen Rea; Jason Akbari

5. Public Comments – There were no public comments.

Note: While waiting for quorum to be established, the Chair initiated discussion of Agenda Informational Items 6 – 9.

6. Revenue/ Billing Update (July 2023 – September 2023)

- 6.1 Network Operating Cost (NOC) Billing and Revenue – See attachment.
- 6.2 Trust Fund Balance – See attachment.

7. Network Operations Update

8. Administrative Update

9. Major Projects Update

- 9.1 RCS Site Projects Status
- 9.2 NextGen RCS Projects Status
- 9.3 IVECA Projects

10. Consent Agenda

- 10.1 Request the RCS Board approve a new mutual aid agreement with US Department of Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) for 100 radios.
- 10.2 Request the RCS Board approve a new mutual aid agreement with California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation – Richard Donavan Correctional Facility Fire House (Donavan State Prison) for 20 radios.
- 10.3 Request the RCS Board approve US Customs and Border Protection (San Ysidro Port of Entry) for 31 radios for mutual aid use.
- 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.

ACTION:

ON MOTION of Chief Chumbley, seconded by Mr. Rea, the Board of Directors approved Consent Agenda 10.2 to 10.4.

AYES: Directors Graham Mitchell; Mike Sims; Dustin Lopez; Dan Barron; Jeff Chumbley; Stephen Rea; Jason Akbari

Discussion: Agenda item 10.1 was pulled for discussion by board due to challenges with BLM roadways on BLM land to IVECA radio sites. Before official start of meeting, there was a prior discussion on agenda operational item 9.3, as presented by Mark Schmidt, IVECA. The vendors have refused delivery of propane fuel to the Imperial County RCS sites due to poor road conditions. These IVECA RCS sites are on BLM land and numerous attempts were made by Mr. Schmidt to request BLM's assistance on how the road situation can be resolved. The Board has recommended for RCS staff to reach out to the BLM contact requesting for mutual aid agreement in consent agenda 10.1 to connect IVECA to the appropriate BLM staff to address challenges for these roadway issues to Imperial County Radio Sites on BLM land.

ACTION:

ON MOTION of Chief Chumbley, seconded by Mr. Rea, the Board of Directors approved Consent Agenda 10.1.

AYES: Directors; Mike Sims; Dustin Lopez; Dan Barron; Jeff Chumbley; Stephen Rea; Jason Akbari

NO: Director Graham Mitchell

11. Main Agenda

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

Discussion: Chief Sims inquired if there is a plan to absorb \$20,000 for additional users. Mr. Brooks responded that a budget will be allocated for staff development support and training. Mr. Rea inquired if curriculum would be developed for these radios. Mr. Brooks responded that curriculum will be developed by staff for training program and all agencies who will be using BKM 9000 radios are required to attend these trainings.

ACTION:

ON MOTION of Mr. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. Akbari, the Board of Directors approved the addition of Bendix King BKR 9000 series as a new provider to operate on the RCS 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. In addition, there is a requirement that the personnel of any agency implementing Bendix King BKR 9000 series radios complete the applicable updated RCS Training Course(s) within 6 months of the introduction into the radio fleet.

AYES: Directors Graham Mitchell; Mike Sims; Dustin Lopez; Dan Barron; Jeff Chumbley; Stephen Rea; Jason Akbari

11.2 Election of Chair and Vice Chair

Chair Nomination: Graham Mitchell

ACTION:

ON MOTION of Chief Barron, seconded by Commander Lopez, the Board of Directors approved the nomination for election of Chair.

AYES: Directors Mike Sims; Dustin Lopez; Dan Barron; Jeff Chumbley; Stephen Rea; Jason Akbari

Vice Chair Nomination: Chief Brian Boggeln

ON MOTION of Chief Sims, seconded by Chief Barron, the Board of Directors approved the nomination for election of Vice Chair.

AYES: Directors Graham Mitchell; Mike Sims; Dustin Lopez; Dan Barron; Jeff Chumbley; Stephen Rea; Jason Akbari

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

Chief Chumbley and Chief Sims volunteered to serve on the RCS Budget Committee.

ON MOTION of Mr. Mitchell, Seconded by Chief Barron, the Board of Directors approved Chief Chumbley and Chief Sims to be Budget Committee Members

AYES: Directors Graham Mitchell; Mike Sims; Dustin Lopez; Dan Barron; Jeff Chumbley; Stephen Rea; Jason Akbari

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

ON MOTION of Mr. Mitchell, Seconded by Chief Chumbley, the Board of Directors approved the 2024 meeting schedule dates and locations.

AYES: Directors Graham Mitchell; Mike Sims; Dustin Lopez; Dan Barron; Jeff Chumbley; Stephen Rea; Jason Akbari

12. Roundtable

Discussion: Mr. Rea announced that it is Grant Season for the Urban Area Security Initiative Grant and is open for projects. If RCS interested in applying, reach out to Mr. Rea or Goal Lead.

Chief Barron requested RCS staff to coordinate another RCS site visit.

Chief Chumbley commented that other counties have significantly higher costs vs. SD County/Imperial County RCS cost and would like to thank RCS for keeping cost economically low. Mr. Brooks mentioned that this was due to RCS predecessors managing the economically low cost vs. other counties.

Mr. Brooks Introduced Kevin J. Dalton to his promotion from Telecommunications Technician IV to new Assistant Communications Manager for RCS.

13. End of Meeting – The meeting ended at 1:59 p.m.

**Next Board of Directors Meeting is on Wednesday, February 14, 2024 at 1:00 p.m.
County Operations Center
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NETWORK OPERATION COST (NOC) BILLING AND REVENUE UPDATE

JULY - SEPTEMBER 2023

	Invoice	Revenue Received	Receivables	
			Balance	%
July	530,856	481,724	49,133	9.26%
August	444,731	323,674	121,057	27.22%
September	495,089	6,674	488,415	98.65%
TOTAL	\$ 1,470,677	\$ 812,072	\$ 658,605	44.8%

RCS TRUST FUND BALANCE

BEGINNING BALANCE	11,553,374
LESS:	
OBLIGATED EXPENDITURES:	
Prior Years' Replacement Infrastructure/Improvement Projects	1,193,602
FY 23/24 Replacement Infrastructure/Improvement Projects	1,631,629
RCS BOD Minimum Reserve	<u>3,000,000</u>
	<u>5,825,231</u>
PROJECTED AVAILABLE BALANCE AS OF September 30, 2023	<u>5,728,143</u>