

MARIN EMERGENCY RADIO AUTHORITY
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES OF AUGUST 18, 2005

1. Call to Order

Chair Steve Kinsey called the meeting to order at 4:06 p.m. at the San Rafael Community Center.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Town of Fairfax	Ken Hughes
City of Larkspur	Jean Bonander
City of Novato	Daniel Keen
Town of Ross	Tom Gaffney
Town of San Anselmo	Barbara Thornton (Alternate)
City of San Rafael	Ken Nordhoff (Alternate)
County of Marin	Steve Kinsey
Town of Tiburon	Alex McIntyre
Bolinas Fire Protection District	Anita Tyrrell-Brown
Inverness Public Utility District	Wade Holland
Kentfield Fire Protection District	Paul Smith
Marin Community College District	Chuck Lacy
Marinwood Community Services District	Walter Dods
Novato Fire Protection District	Jeff Meston
Ross Valley Fire Department	Roger Meagor (Alternate)
Southern Marin Fire Protection	Mike Stone
Stinson Beach Fire District	Kenny Stevens (Alternate)
Tiburon Fire Protection District	Tim Harris

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

City of Belvedere
Town of Corte Madera
City of Mill Valley
City of Sausalito
Marin County Transit District
Marin Municipal Water District
Twin Cities Police

STAFF PRESENT:

Greg Stepanicich, Legal Counsel
Martin Nichols, Executive Officer
Richard Chuck, Communications Engineer
John Roberto, Planning Consultant
Elizabeth Lopez, Recording Secretary

GUESTS

Bill McMurray, Sheriff's Office
David Bunnett, Coastal Health Alliance

A. Executive Officer's report.

Pulled Item E, pending more accurate pricing information.

Bill McMurray – Sheriff Dispatch reported on design and operating problems. The replacement of archive server system referred to the Executive Committee in October, then will be brought before the Board.

B. Adopt minutes of June 30, 2005 special meeting.

T. Harris requested that the minutes reflect his comments about his District's concerns about poor coverage in certain portions of the Tiburon Fire District.

M/S/P Bonander/Thornton – To adopt minutes of June 30, 2005 special meeting with the amended change.

AYES: ALL

NOES: NONE – Motion carried

C. Open time for items not on agenda (*limited to three-minutes per speaker*).

None.

D. Report on Tiburon coverage issues and authorize to complete system coverage testing.

R. Chuck reported on Motorola contractual coverage requirements and recommended that a test without Bolinas be completed. Bolinas will be tested separately.

The Board was advised of the need to first “optimize” the system before the coverage test could be completed.

M/S/P - Authorize proceeding with coverage testing without the Bolinas site.

AYES: ALL

NOES: NONE – Motion carried

~~E. Authorization to lease MERA logging servers, purchase system maintenance agreement, and contract with County Sheriff's Office for server administration.~~

F. Closed Session – Conference with Real Property Negotiators – Government Code Section §54956.8 – Property: Bolinas Fire District Station at 100 Mesa Road and Martinelli Ranch (APN 188-090-15) Bolinas area – Agency Negotiator: Martin Nichols, Executive Officer – Negotiating Parties: Include the Fire Dist. reps for the Fire site and the Martinelli Family for their property– Under Negotiation: Price and terms of payment"

Before session comments: David Bunnett guest speaker, requested tower be built further from clinic.

No reportable actions.

- G. Authorize the Executive Officer to commence negotiations for a MERA site lease with the Martinelli Family and prepare and file an application for any necessary permits for the Martinelli site.

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AYES: ALL

NOES: NONE – Motion carried

- H. Adjourned at 5:10 P.M.

Martin J. Nichols, Executive Officer