

Marin Emergency Radio Authority
Policy on MERA Membership
for New Agencies

Purpose: To authorize the memberships of new agencies to MERA subject to Article 7 of the MERA Joint Powers Agreement and additional conditions approved by the Board of Directors on June 17, 2004.

Policy: Article 7: Organization of the MERA Joint Powers Agreement anticipated consideration of new members as follows:

Section 7.1(b.) The County, any Special District, and any City or Town may be considered for Membership in the Authority after February 28, 1998, by presenting an adopted resolution to the Board, which includes a request to become a Member of the Authority.

Section 7.1(c.) The Board shall accept proposed Members upon a majority affirmative vote of the quorum, upon payment of any Board-determined fee and interest and upon satisfaction of any conditions established by the Board as a prerequisite for Membership.

On June 17, 2004, the MERA Board approved the following additional conditions for new agency membership:

1. MERA General Counsel determines that the potential new member has the common power to operate an emergency radio system.
2. MERA engineer certifies that there is sufficient system capacity for the new member.
3. New member agrees to be a signatory to the MERA JPA.
4. New member agrees to pay a backbone contribution as determined by the Board of Directors.
5. New member agrees to pay an annual share of MERA's operating costs as provided in the JPA.

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