



**INTERAGENCY COMMUNICATIONS  
INTEROPERABILITY SYSTEM  
JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY**

**MEETING OF THE GOVERNANCE BOARD  
GLENDALE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
613 E. BROADWAY, GLENDALE, CA 91206**

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**APRIL 2, 2015**

**1. BUSINESS AGENDA – 1:00 pm**

Chair Goldman called the meeting to order at 1:05pm

**a. Roll Call**

Beverly Hills – Erick Lee

Burbank – Jim Compton

Com-Net JPA – Tim Staab

Glendale – Theresa Goldman

Culver City – Dave White

Montebello – absent

Pasadena – absent

Pomona – Michael Ellis

**b. Report of Staff, re: Posting of Agenda.** The Agenda for the April 2, 2015 Governance Board Meeting was posted on March 30, 2015, on the ICIS Web Site and the Bulletin Board outside Glendale City Hall.

**2. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

Discussion is limited to items NOT a part of this agenda. Each speaker is allowed five minutes. Members may question or respond to the speaker but there will be no debate or decision.

- No Cards -

**3. REPORTS - INFORMATION**

**a. Reports Regarding Changes in Project Status from Previous Month**

Beverly Hills – No report

Burbank – No report

Com-Net JPA – No report

Glendale – No report

Culver City – No report

Montebello – absent

Pasadena – absent

Pomona – No report

**b. Report from Technical Committee**

Jim Floyd, Vice Chair, reported that there were no changes in status from their March 12 meeting. Culver City has a new P-25 subscribers on order and Glendale's Oak Mountain repeater site is up. This will help with Com-Net's spectrum issues. Montebello will replace their microwave link with the new grant. Glendale is working on interference issue and pursuing a Bird network real time acquisition. Director Edey reported that Foothill Transit withdrew interest because of issues with their current contract.

Jim also reported the committee discussed some email sensitivity issues with Com-Net and an Adobe update. A representative from Lockwell presented mission critical high frequency fixed equipment. This equipment has no hand held feature and is really for when everything else fails. A Genesis representative was also there to discuss wash data. There is a system wide Genesis upgrade in future.

Ray Edey clarified that the Bird monitoring system is best installed in high level sites. This will address interference issues and better point to where they are coming from. Burbank and Glendale are in the process of procurement. This is a trial, but as more add on, this will triangulate where a signal is coming from and be even better. Each Bird is \$45,000 so it may be a consideration for all future system installations. Chair Goldman inquired if the Bird system would assist with locating BDAs (bidirectional amplifier) because the one in a subterranean parking structure took 18 – 24 hours to locate in Glendale. Jim stated the Bird adds visibility, not intelligence. The Bird network could cut down lost time by 70% because it would narrow down where the search should be.

c. Report from Legislative Committee

Lianne McGinley reported that Congress is on spring recess. Upcoming ICIS Washington DC trip is next month and there are 7 board members, the executive director, and elected representatives from Beverly Hills attending. Summary materials are being prepared by Ray and will be shared with the committee. The Legislative committee is setting up meetings with FCC and members of congress.

d. Report from Operations Committee

There was no meeting this month and nothing to report.

e. Report Regarding LA RICS

Erick Lee reported that LA RICS has a meeting this morning and there had been a lot of development since the last ICIS meeting. Supervisor Antonovich has ceased construction of LTE sites at fire stations. The City of Los Angeles City Council also voted to not allow any construction. There are now 94 sites instead of the original 250 planned. Their executive director's contract is also over at the end of the month and the City of LA voted against his extension. There were enough votes to keep him in place though.

A lot of residents from Rolling Hills have come forward to speak out against towers on their fire stations. LA RICS had done outreach. They are currently looking for consultants to contact residents. There were a number of town hall and outreach meetings held by LA RICS but turn out was low.

LA RICS Executive Director was directed to report back with what a smaller system with less coverage would look like. Their bylaws were restructured to allow for at-large seats to go without an election and be appointed. Rolling Hills now has a seat.

Santa Clarita and Monrovia have also dropped out of the JPA and the list is growing. The issues are becoming more political.

Chair Goldman reported that Glendale has stopped all work at LTE sites. LA RICS told Glendale that the 5 sites they requested will no longer be pursued.

Chair Goldman, Glendale Police Chief Castro, and Executive Director Edey met with Sheriff McDonnell recently to discuss radio needs and interoperability with LARICS. It was a positive meeting and there was a good commitment to work together. The Sheriff gave direction to staff to work directly with Ray Edey on an evaluation of spectrum-sharing moving forward.

The County was awarded 240 channel pairs of T-Band Channel 15 in 2009 from the FCC with the understanding it would be employed by all regional public safety. They already hold quite a

wealth of channel 14, 16, and 17 channel pairs. ICIS will be sitting down with Motorola and LA-RICS staff to look at the regional T-Band plan.

f. Report by Chair and Executive Director on 2015 UASI Grant Process

Ray stated he and Chair Goldman attended the UASI approval authority meeting where the mediator, Judge Bonner, presented his findings and recommendations to board. He expressed the opinion that ICIS is a state of the art pre-existing radio system that should not be displaced by the LA-RICS effort. He stated we need to provide full interoperability for Los Angeles and need to work together for one system.

Chair Goldman stated they had met with Judge Bonner early in the process as he also met with LA RICS, Motorola, and other stakeholders.

Edey stated Judge Bonner made 3 recommendations:

1. ICIS and LA RICS form joint letter of agreement or MOU for the adoption of principles and to agree to co-exist. Chair Goldman stated that previous board members had agreed this would be a good step (reference Motion 5.e. March 6, 2014) and had authorized the Chair and Executive Director to seek partnership opportunities with LA-RICS in order to attain full interoperability.
2. Joint strategic plan – roadmap to future. Jointly agree what the priorities are and set forth guidance as to priorities and what system growth is most needed.
3. Joint Technical Committee for recommendations as to interfacing. A committee of LA-RICS, ICIS, and Motorola Solutions technical staff will meet and define the most effective, efficient, and seamless means of interfacing/integrating the systems as one.

Once we reach the Letter of Agreement/MOA, it is expected the LA/LB UASI will release 2014 funds of \$5 million in an appropriate manner. The Letter of Agreement/MOA needs to be completed in 60 days.

The Chair noted that Chief Beck made the motion to accept the three-pronged recommendations and was seconded by the Sheriff, with an amendment to include ICIS & independent cities who need assistance. Judge Bonner was retained to serve as a consultant in order to work through these processes. This was unanimously approved and agreed to move forward quickly by the Approval Authority.

Goldman stated the goal was to complete the effort in about 60 days.

Ray Edey stated since the inception of LA-RICS, ICIS has seen considerable difficulty in obtaining funding in the regional UASI process and noted that this is a great step forward in leveling the playing field for all public safety in the region. 2015 grant funding consideration was submitted before this meeting, not knowing how it would go forward, for approximately \$5 million in ICIS related requests which are fully scalable. The LA/LB Approval Authority designated that 16% of the 2015 award will be shared for interoperability, which is a reduction from prior years. It is hoped there will be sufficient funding available to address immediate needs.

The possibilities represented in Judge Bonner's findings and recommendations, most specifically establishing full interoperability and single-platform LMR coverage of the entire region through an LA-RICS and ICIS partnership, were well received by the ICIS Governance Board. All Board Member comments were positive and in full support of proceeding.

**4. CONSENT ITEMS**

- a. Approval of the Minutes for the March 5, 2015 Meeting

Motion made by Beverly Hills seconded by Com-Net JPA.

Beverly Hills – aye  
Burbank – aye  
Com-Net JPA – aye  
Glendale – aye  
Culver City – aye  
Montebello – absent  
Pasadena – absent  
Pomona – aye  
All in favor

**5. ACTION ITEMS**

a. Discussion concerning ICIS JPA Secretary

1. Motion to Appoint JPA Secretary Effective April 3, 2015

Chair Goldman nominated Maria Calvento, Glendale Police Department, to serve as the ICIS Secretary.

Motion made by Glendale seconded by Beverly Hills

Beverly Hills – aye  
Burbank – aye  
Com-Net JPA – aye  
Glendale – aye  
Culver City – aye  
Montebello – absent  
Pasadena – absent  
Pomona – aye  
All in favor

b. Discussion regarding Subscribership of Los Angeles Metropolitan Police Apprehension Crime Task Force (LA-IMPACT) JPA

Ray Edey stated LA IMPACT was a subscriber in past years to Montebello. Their operations were much smaller then and in 2010 LA IMPACT left ICIS for financial reasons. There has been much growth, a new board, a county wide presence, and new funding in that time. The Technical Committee has reviewed their information and LA IMPACT will not represent a greater impact on any one cell than other. The Antelope Valley Howser site will actually be used more by IMPACT than other agencies, but that is currently an underutilized cell. Tech committee recommended they be readmitted – but this time, as a subscriber of to the ICIS system. LA IMPACT will be treated as a full agency user for use as their primary surveillance communications. This is regional law enforcement. Expected subscriber fees amount to \$18,300 per year (100 radios x \$15.25 per month).

1. Resolution Authorizing Chair to enter into a Direct Subscriber Agreement with LA-IMPACT for regional law enforcement communications

Motion made by Culver City seconded by Burbank

Beverly Hills – aye  
Burbank – aye  
Com-Net JPA – aye  
Glendale – aye  
Culver City – aye  
Montebello – absent  
Pasadena – absent  
Pomona – aye  
All in favor

c. Discussion regarding renewal of David Turch & Associates

Ray Edey reported ICIS has used David Turch and Associates for many years. Their staff is very experienced and ICIS staff's recommendation is to continue. They have held the same cost proposal for the last 3 years, \$42,000.

Goldman stated that people actually recognize them as ICIS, so ICIS has a presence in Washington, DC, and capitol offices even when we are not there.

Motion made by Burbank seconded by Beverly Hills

Beverly Hills – aye  
Burbank – aye  
Com-Net JPA – aye  
Glendale – aye  
Culver City – aye  
Montebello – absent  
Pasadena – absent  
Pomona – aye  
All in favor

d. Discussion regarding renewal of Motorola Solutions Services Agreement

1. Motion to renew Motorola Solutions Services Agreement for 2015-2016

There will be a 3% increase from previous year. Staff recommends continuation.

Motion made by Pomona seconded by Com-Net JPA

Beverly Hills – aye  
Burbank – aye  
Com-Net JPA – aye  
Glendale – aye  
Culver City – aye  
Montebello – absent  
Pasadena – absent  
Pomona – aye  
All in favor

e. Discussion concerning Motorola Solutions Proposal for a System Upgrade Agreement

Ray Edey stated that as discussed in past, ICIS is in need of operating system upgrade. ICIS needs to upgrade from 7.9 (which will no longer be supported) to 7.14. Motorola is almost at 7.15. Ray recommends we stay on 7.14 until it is no longer supported. P-25 has an open architecture and cities can utilize the radios they would like along with third party subscriber equipment and consoles. 7.15 will not support the Gold Elite consoles, which many cities have.

Ray Edey said the negotiations for the upgrade were productive and the Motorola support team was amazing. There was a lot of dialogue. The final agreement is \$1.4 million for the entire system of systems and the master site to be upgraded. It was requested that the contract be sent as a single invoice to ICIS. It is requested that each city pay ICIS by June 30. The Master is \$392,900 (paid for by Glendale with a SHSGP grant for the majority of this). Com-Net's system is newer and will be less expensive. Glendale owns the master site so upgrades/maintenance responsibility remains primarily with Glendale.

Motorola's scope and plan is very ambitious and they plan to have the upgrade completed by early September for the Pomona Fair.

1. Motion to Accept Terms of Motorola System Upgrade Agreement to O.S. 7.14

Motion made by Com-Net JPA seconded by Burbank

Beverly Hills – aye  
Burbank – aye  
Com-Net JPA – aye  
Glendale – aye  
Culver City – aye  
Montebello – absent  
Pasadena – absent  
Pomona – aye  
All in favor

2. Motion to Approve Sole Source to Motorola Solutions for Procurement of a System Upgrade based upon the project consisting of Proprietary Technologies and Operating Systems

This is propriety technology and there are no other viable options. It is recommended by staff to sole source.

Motion made by Com-Net JPA seconded by Beverly Hills

Beverly Hills – aye  
Burbank – aye  
Com-Net JPA – aye  
Glendale – aye  
Culver City – aye  
Montebello – absent  
Pasadena – absent  
Pomona – aye  
All in favor

f. Discussion regarding apportionment of Motorola Solutions SUA Costs to Membership  
1. Resolution setting forth Apportionment of SUA Costs to Membership

Motion made by Beverly Hills seconded by Culver City

Beverly Hills – aye  
Burbank – aye  
Com-Net JPA – aye  
Glendale – aye  
Culver City – aye  
Montebello – absent  
Pasadena – absent  
Pomona – aye  
All in favor

**6. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

Beverly Hills – No comment  
Burbank – No comment  
Com-Net JPA – No comment  
Glendale – Chair Goldman thanked Ray for hard work on agreement with Motorola, it is reflected in the final adoption.  
Culver City – No comment

Montebello – No comment  
Pasadena – No comment  
Pomona – No comment

**7. STAFF COMMENTS**

Ray introduced Mr. Ernest Gallo from Torrance, who actually was the original representative of Torrance when the JPA was formed.

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion made by Glendale seconded by Burbank at 2:13 pm.

Next Regular Meeting will be held:  
Thursday, May 7, 2015 at 1:00 pm.  
Glendale City Hall  
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