



**INTERAGENCY COMMUNICATIONS
INTEROPERABILITY SYSTEM
JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY
SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE GOVERNANCE BOARD
PASADENA CONVENTION CENTER
300 EAST GREEN STREET, PASADENA, CA 91101**

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DECEMBER 3, 2015

1. BUSINESS AGENDA – 12:00 NOON

The meeting was called to order by Chair Goldman at 12:23 pm.

a. Roll Call

Beverly Hills –Erick Lee
Burbank – Jim Compton
Com Net –Tim Staab
Glendale – Theresa Goldman
Culver City – absent
Montebello – Dan Amador
Pasadena – Seaton King
Pomona – Michael Ellis

b. Report of Staff, re: Posting of Agenda. The Agenda for the December 3, 2015 Special Governance Board Meeting was posted on November 27, 2015, on the ICIS Web Site and the Bulletin Board outside Glendale City Hall.

2. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

- No cards

3. REPORTS – INFORMATION

a. Reports Regarding Changes in Project Status from Previous Month

Beverly Hills – Erick Lee reported that the interference issue they were experiencing had been fixed.

- Ron Derderian explained that one of their receivers caused the interference on their conventional dispatch channel. He said the issue went away on its own and now fully resolved.

Burbank – No report
Com Net –No report
Glendale – No report
Culver City – Absent
Montebello – No report
Pasadena – No report
Pomona – No report

b. Report from Technical Committee

Ron Derderian, Chair of Technical Committee, reported that they had a very productive meeting and discussed the following topics: upgrades in Genesis system, issues on Verdugo consoles, and the pressing concern on Com-Net system. He assured the board that resolving the Com-Net issue is one of their top priorities and that their excellent technical team and Motorola representatives will be very vigilant in tackling the issues to ensure that everything will be fully fixed. He said that their goal is to open the Com-Net system up to wide area roaming as soon as possible. Ron further reported that the committee also addressed the issues on the pending GTR software upgrade and the flawless completion of the 7.14 upgrade.

Director Edey imparted with the board that they are working on the licensing of eight channel pairs to ComNet that belong to ICIS. He explained that out of the eight pairs, six spectrum are currently installed and operating on Oat while the remaining two are unassigned at the time being. He said that they are trying to re-use the six operating channels as well as the two unassigned pairs in the Com-Net system. Once achieved, this endeavor will give them eight good public safety T-Band channel pairs that will operate in the region, and should be able to completely open up the system to roaming. He said that this will also solve all their problems with respect to portable radios. He informed the board that this project goes hand in hand within the 2015 SHSGP Grant they were awarded to establish two additional receive sites in the Com-Net system.

c. Report from Operations Committee

Don Wise informed the board that they didn't hold a meeting during the previous month but will commence the joint meeting between the Operations Committee and Technical Committee this month. He reported that following members will be representing their agencies: Phillip Arriaga for Beverly Hills, Tawney Montez for Burbank, Doug Murray for Com-Net, Don Wise for Glendale, Mark MacDonald for Culver City, Diana Marquez for Montebello, Karen Peterson for Pasadena, and Pail Alexander for Pomona. He stated that they also appointed alternate representatives from each agency who will attend the meeting if the primary members are unavailable.

d. Report Regarding LA-RICS

Director Edey stated that, the City of Los Angeles has withdrawn from LA-RICS. He said that according to reports, most large cities have already withdrawn as members as well and very few independent cities are remaining. He said one of the alleged reasons LA City and other cities pulled out was due to concerns with respect to unfunded liability that was on the construction of LA-RICS system itself and that they have never come up with a financial plan that addressed the funding of \$180M to Motorola for their LMR system. LA City and other major cities determined that rebuilding their own system is a lot less liability compared to a county wide system.

Director Edey also reported that during the last UASI Approval Authority meeting held last month, a motion was put forth to start withdrawing unspent funding from LA-RICS. He stated that Chief Beck moved that \$11M be given to ICIS. However, Edey informed the board that due to legal issues raised by LA-RICS attorneys and county representatives, it might be eventually re-awarded to LA-RICS. Furthermore, he informed the board that each of the entities, which are Long Beach, Los Angeles, ICIS, and LA-RICS, that are seeking to develop radio systems are now asked to make a presentation to UASI stating what they intend to do if they get grant funding out of the remaining funds. He stated that Chair Goldman will be doing the presentation on December 11th and the Approval Authority will then meet in January to decide how to distribute those funds.

e. Report on Status of LA/LB UASI LARICS/ICIS MOU

Director Edey reported that he, Chair Goldman, and Judge Bonner worked on the minor revisions on the MOU, after which it was sent back to LA-RICS for final approval. However, he said that they never heard back from them about its status and seemed to have “disappeared.” Director Edey stated that since it obviously wouldn’t be presented on the December 11th meeting, the UASI Approval Authority might no longer rely upon at this formal agreement to identify ICIS as a bona fide awardee.

Chair Goldman emphasized to the panel that the goal behind the conception of the MOU was for hopes that it will serve as bridge to bring inoperability and not just about equality in funding. She said that during her meeting with the LA County CEO and other county representatives, they seemed to share her viewpoint and conveyed their desire to expedite its process and was committed that they will get back to her within that week; however, she hasn’t heard back from them since then. She expressed that she intended to follow up with the county members even after the December 11th UASI funding meeting because achieving inoperability is their main goal behind the MOU and not exclusively for grant funding.

f. Report on Status of 2015 Strategic Planning Session of December 3rd

The event will commence right after the ICIS Governance Board meeting. Director Edey informed the panel that he will be doing a PowerPoint presentation on all about ICIS. He encouraged the members to let him know if they have any particular matter they would want him to discuss that isn’t included on the agenda.

Jamie Jones informed the panel that during the Strategic Planning Session, he will be discussing overview on T-Band issues to provide attendees better understanding of its full scope. He said that he will also cover the strategy that ICIS has been pursuing for the last 4 years in regards to this matter, as well as what was discussed during the meetings they have had with different government agencies, especially with the FCC that is in-charge of auctioning off T-Band by 2021.

In relation to T-Band issue, Director Edey informed the board that the Department of Homeland Security extended an invitation to Chair Goldman on a nationwide communications conference hosted by Safecom/NCSWIC in Oklahoma. He reported that he attended the gathering and will be covering what has transpired at the strategic planning session as well. He conveyed that there were really good dialogues over the period of three days at the conference which was well attended by communications representatives from different agencies such as DHS and FCC. He stressed to the panel that it was patently clear that nobody understands why the T-Band matter has been done in the first place, and that everyone was in agreement it has to be fixed.

g. Report on Status Grant Funding and Projects

Director Edey reported that the Torrance and Montebello/Vernon will each receive \$1M fund from 2014 SHSGP Grant for their system improvement projects. He stated that Torrance will conclude their project with Motorola in establishing the prime site for their G system by end of March 2016. As for Montebello and Vernon project, he explained that they have to work on an improvement to Montebello site before Vernon can be established and plug into it. He said that since Vernon is a UASI City, they could complete the project with the UASI funds. On 2015 SHSGP, he reported that \$1M fund will be for Com-Net project that will establish two receiver sites and an additional \$800,000 for Whittier/Santa Fe Springs site.

4. CONSENT ITEMS

a. Approval of the Minutes for the November 5, 2015 Regular Meeting

Motion to approve the minutes made by: Beverly hills Second by: Burbank

Beverly Hills – aye

Burbank – aye
Com Net –aye
Glendale – identified minor correction
Culver City – aye
Montebello – aye
Pasadena – aye
Pomona – aye
7 in favor, 1 called for correction

5. ACTION ITEMS

Director Edey informed the board to anticipate the following action items for the following meeting: grants, audit report, and Santa Monica’s imminent membership activation with ICIS.

6. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Burbank – No comment
Com Net –No comment
Glendale – No comment
Culver City – absent
Montebello – No comment
Pasadena – No comment
Pomona – No comment

7. STAFF COMMENTS

8. ADJOURNMENT

Next Meeting:
Thursday, January 7, 2016 at 1:00pm
Glendale City Hall
613 East Broadway, Glendale, CA 91206