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LUCIAN THOMAS, Director

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## JOINT POWERS AGENCY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

July 10, 2008

8:30 a.m.

City-County Administration Building  
1010 Tenth Street, Board Chambers  
Modesto, CA 95354

Commission members present: Chairman, Will O'Bryant; Vice Chairman, Bill O'Brien; Fire Chief, Jim Miguel (alternate); City Manager, Greg Nyhoff; C.E.O. Rick Robinson; Newman Chief of Police, Adam McGill (alternate); City Attorney Rolly Stevens; County Counsel, John Doering

Absent: Chief of Police, Roy Wasden, Mayor (City of Newman), John Fantazia

Chairman, Will O'Bryant called the meeting to order at 8:31a.m.

O'Brien/Miguel Approved minutes for May 2, 2008 meeting.

V. Agenda Items - Regular Calendar

Miguel/Robinson Unan **A-1** SR 9-1-1 Director Lucian Thomas explained why there is a savings within the department budget due to its approval prior to the City and County finalizing their budgets, so there is often time an adjustment required after those budgets are set. Due to a one-time reduction of the General Liability, Unemployment and Worker's Compensation funds which is being funded by retained earnings, there is a savings of \$50,398. Director Thomas requested approval to spend part of that savings on the Interoperability Communications Project, which covers the 3% administrative fee (\$19,423.76) required to apportion the Public Safety Interoperable Communications grant which is a joint City/County application in the total amount of \$647,458.00. This 3% fee is to offset the requirement of the office in Sacramento to administrate, track the grant money and perform the audits. The grant funds will be used to upgrade equipment and programs to the advantage of all of the SR 9-1-1 user agencies.

County Counsel Doering asked for clarification to correct a typographical error based on his copy indicating the administrative fee would be \$9,423.76, due to him not receiving the corrected copy in time for the JPA meeting.

Robinson/Miguel Unan **A-2** Director Thomas presented definition of the Fowler Peak project being the back-up transmission site for the communications Center that services the Sheriff and all Fire Agencies, whereby if Mt. Oso should fail there is back-up capability. Due to an oversight during budget preparation, the rental site fees of \$21,600.00 are not included in the SR 9-1-1 current department budget. Of the

remaining savings of \$30,974.24 Director Thomas asked for approval to pay for the rental site fees for the Fowler Peak location. This still leaves a balance of \$9,374.24 in savings which might result in a year end savings to all the user agencies.

Fire Chief Miguel sought clarification regarding the existence and length of the rental contract for the Fowler Peak location bringing discussion that this is a multi-year agreement, and in alignment with the fees being paid similarly for the SR 9-1-1 footprint currently on Mt. Oso

Director Thomas took a moment to thank the Commission and the Advisory Board for their support in funding the Department Budget allowing SR 9-1-1 to remain at full staffing. For the first time in many years the Department is working at full staff and fully trained at the first position.

Commission Chairman O'Bryant inquired regarding frequency and status of Heat Related and medical calls with respect to the current weather and extremely warm temperatures over the previous week.

Adjourned at 8:31 a.m.