



Lt. MIKE PARKER, Co-Director
Chief CECIL RIDGE, Co-Director
WENDY SILVA, Operations Manager

EMERGENCY DISPATCH JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

February 18, 2015

1:00 p.m.

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

Commission Members Present: President, Bill Zoslocki; Vice-President, Bill O'Brien; Modesto City Manager, Jim Holgersson; Stanislaus County C.E.O., Stan Risen; Newman Chief of Police, Randy Richardson (Alternate for City of Newman, Mayor Ed Katen); City of Modesto Chief of Police, Galen Carroll; Stanislaus County Fire Warden, Dale Skiles; Attorney for City of Modesto, Rolly Stevens; County Counsel, John Doering

Absent: City of Newman Mayor, Ed Katen

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

III. Public Comment Period

There were no public comments

IV. Consent Calendar

A. O'Brien/Skiles unan approved Minutes from January 21, 2015

V. Scheduled Matters

A. O'Brien/Carroll unan approved **12 month appointment of Capt. Joel Broumas**, as interim Director for

Stanislaus Regional 9-1-1. Mr. Risen thanked Lt. Mike Parker & Chief Cecil Ridge for their leadership of Stanislaus Regional 9-1-1, commenting that as pointed out in the Matrix report that the center has made significant strides under their leadership. Mr. Holgersson spoke about the process utilized in selecting Capt. Broumas as the Interim Director for Stanislaus Regional 9-1-1.

B. O'Brien/Carroll unan accepted **Matrix Consulting Group Final report** for SR 9-1-1 presented by Greg Matthews with Matrix, directing staff to begin working on those recommendations from the plan/strategy returning to the Commission,

Power Point presentation and narrative conducted by Mr. Matthews.

The presentation covered:

- ◆ Key issues and findings of interest to all parties.
- ◆ Issues and recommendations particularly relevant to Fire operations.
- ◆ Issues and recommendations particularly relevant to Law Enforcement Operations.

Questions and discussion followed Mr. Matthews's presentation.

Mr. Holgersson introduced Jody Hayes (with Stanislaus County), and Joe Lopez (with the City of Modesto) who presented a plan/strategy to review the 36 recommendations that came from the Matrix report. The Commission will be receiving regular reports monthly in the upcoming JPA Commission meetings, as well as interim reports, depending on how quickly things progressing. The goal is to have all the recommendations before the Commission prior to July 2015. Some will

have a fairly quick turnaround; some will take longer to evaluate the implications for Stanislaus County.

Questions and discussion followed the plan/strategy presentation with Mr. Hayes & Mr. Lopez.

C. Carroll/Skiles unan accepted **Mt. Oso Lease agreement**. During the January meeting several questions arose, and the Commission instructed the SR 9-1-1 Directors to return to the Commission at this meeting with findings on further research. Research was completed and presented to JPA Advisory Board on January 29, 2015, who recommended support for the agreement presented today.

Chief Ridge presented a full history of the transmission sites used by Stanislaus Regional 9-1-1 to the Commission. Based on the analysis, General Services Agency and Stanislaus Regional 9-1-1 recommend approving the new 3 year lease agreement for 1/1/2015 – 12/31/2017 as presented.

VI. Informational

A. Stanislaus Regional 9-1-1 Director's verbal update

1. **800 MHz project update**, presented by Barbara Jackson, Project Manager
Barbara prepared a condensed project plan indicating work progress for the overall plan, and also presented a list of the Macro-study conducted in 2008 indicating this is 5 sites from 14 sites for communications. This is phase I. There are 9 other sites on Phase II.
2. **Staffing update**, presented by Wendy Silva, SR 9-1-1 Operations Manager
Wendy included a current organizational chart for SR 9-1-1, indicating we are down 4 dispatchers, and there are 2 long term employees retiring in March, causing 6 dispatcher openings as of March 2015. Currently there are 3 applicants in background. Hoping to start the academy late February or early March 2015. 119 applicants will begin testing the first week of March. Interviews begin after the test cycle. New recruitment is scheduled to close March 30, with testing to begin week of April 21, 2015. Radio/Telco Engineer position will not be filled pending conclusion of the Matrix Report recommendation.
After questions, Ms. Nancy Bronstein clarified that retired Dispatch employees are considered miscellaneous workers, and would require the 6 month break in service unless a recommendation was made to waive that
3. **2015-2016 SR 9-1-1 Budget information** presented by Chief Cecil Ridge, SR9-1-1 Co-Director, Cecil Ridge alerted the Commission that there are some big ticket items coming to end of life that will be included in the budget recommendations for the coming fiscal year.

VII. Closed Session

1. Conference with Labor Negotiator: Agency Negotiators: Joe Lopez, Nancy Bronstein and Jody Hayes. Labor Organization: Stanislaus Regional Emergency Dispatchers' Association. Government Code Section 54957.6

This closed session is a duplication of the Joint Meeting that is held immediately following the regular meeting of this Commission. The second agenda was taken up immediately following the adjournment of this meeting.

VIII. Adjournment at 2:19 p.m.