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NEXTGEN RCS BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING

WEDNESDAY, February 10, 2021 1:00 PM

5500 OVERLAND AVE., ROOM 120
SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA 92123

RCS BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) public health emergency, the County of San Diego has made several changes to public meetings to protect the public's health and prevent the disease from spreading. Per the Governor's executive order to stay home, in person participation at Board of Directors meetings is not allowed at this time. You may participate in the meetings via teleconference instead of attending in person. Please see the link below:

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County Operations Center - 5500 Overland Ave., Room 120, San Diego, CA 92123

Members of the public planning to participate the meeting in this location are required to wear masks and to follow social distancing protocol.

WRITINGS DISTRIBUTED TO THE COMMITTEE

Pursuant to Government Code 54957.5, written materials distributed to the Board of Directors in connection with this agenda will be available to the public at the County Operations Center, Sheriff's Wireless Services Division Office, Suite 101, 5595 Overland Ave., San Diego, California 92123. In addition, supporting documentation (including attachments referenced in the agenda) is available for viewing on the [RCS web site](#).

AGENDA

1. Call to Order (Chief Jim Lydon, Chair)
2. Roll Call and Determination of Quorum (Chair)
3. Purpose of Meeting (Chair)
4. Approval of Minutes (October 14, 2020) (Chair)
5. Public Comment (limited to three minutes per speaker) (Chair)
6. Revenue/Billing Update (October 2020 – January 2021) (Mayla Alvaro)
 - 6.1 Network Operating Cost (NOC) Billing and Revenue

NextGen RCS Board of Directors

SAN DIEGO COUNTY - IMPERIAL COUNTY

*Chief Jim Lydon, Coronado Fire Department (Chair) – Graham Mitchell, City Manager, City of El Cajon (Vice Chair)
Commander Theresa Adams-Hydar, San Diego County Sheriff's Department – Jeff Toney, OES, County of San Diego
Chief Jose Tellez, National City Police Department - Chief Michael Calderwood, Carlsbad Fire Department
Ernesto Fermin, Caltrans – Chief Alfredo Estrada Jr., IVECA - Chief Brian Johnson, IVECA*

- 6.2 Trust Fund Balance
- 7. Network Operations Update (Dave Brooks)
 - 7.1 Monthly Reports (October 2020-January 2021)
- 8. Administrative Update
 - 8.1 Grants Update (Dave Brooks)
 - 8.2 Training Update (Elissa Dorame)
- 9. Major Projects Update (Brooks/Santiesteban/Schmidt)
 - 9.1 RCS Site Projects Status (Dave Brooks)
 - 9.2 NextGen RCS Project Status (Luis Santiesteban)
 - 9.3 IVECA Projects (Mark Schmidt)
 - 9.4 First Net (Dave Brooks)

10. Consent Agenda (Chair)

- 10.1 Request the RCS Board approve a five-year extension to RCS Customer Agreement for Lifewest Ambulance.

Staff background/recommendation: RCS Customer Service Agreements will expire on March 31, 2021. The Customer Service Agreement requires an amendment to extend the term to June 30, 2026. The Agreement includes a provision to amend the contract and extend the term upon approval of the RCS Board. Staff recommends approval.

- 10.2 Request the RCS Board approve a customer agreement with Medevac Ambulance Inc.

Staff background/recommendation: County of San Diego Emergency Medical Services (EMS) requires all new ambulance agencies to acquire radios operated by RCS. Each ambulance agency needs to enter into a customer agreement with RCS in order to use RCS services. The NextGen RCS Agreement provides that the NextGen BOD will "make recommendations concerning the approval of customer contracts and rates for NextGen RCS services". Staff recommends approval.

- 10.3 Request the RCS Board approve a new mutual aid agreement with US Navy Region Southwest for 45 radios.

Staff background/recommendation: US Navy Region Southwest has an operational requirement to communicate with public safety and public service agencies in the San Diego, Imperial County and Riverside County region that currently use the RCS network. The access to RCS will be primarily used for emergency and routine mutual aid communications. US Navy Region Southwest requests approval for 45 mutual aid radios. Staff recommends approval.

11. Main Agenda

11.1 RCS report regarding VHF Radios (Brooks)

11.2 Request the RCS Board approve access on the RCS microwave system for VHF system. (Brooks)

Staff background/recommendation: The San Diego County Fire Chief's Association requests approval for fire agencies' VHF backhaul system to access the RCS microwave data systems at no cost. This will establish an increased interoperability via microwave linked sites and provide a higher degree of continuity of operations with the emergency command and communications centers. Staff recommends approval.

11.3 DOJ encryption mandate (Chief Johnson/Schmidt)

11.4 2021-2022 Proposed Budget Presentation (Brooks/Pia)

11.5 Request the RCS Board approve the FY 2021-2022 RCS Budget. (Brooks)

Staff background/recommendation: On December 14, 2020, the RCS Budget Committee met to review and discuss the proposed FY21/22 RCS Budget. If approved, the NOC will remain at \$28.50 per radio per month. Staff recommends approval.

12. Roundtable (Chair)

13. Conclude (Chair)

**Next Meeting Date:
Wednesday, May 12, 2021 at 1:00 PM
5500 Overland Ave., Room 120, San Diego, CA 92123**