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**NEXTGEN RCS BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING**

**WEDNESDAY, October 13, 2021 1:00 PM**

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

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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 (Graham Mitchell, Vice Chair)
2. Roll Call and Determination of Quorum (Vice Chair)
3. Purpose of Meeting (Vice Chair)
4. Approval of Minutes (May 12, 2021) (Vice Chair)
5. Public Comment (limited to three minutes per speaker) (Vice Chair)
6. Revenue/Billing Update (May – September 2021) (Gayda Pia)
  - 6.1 Network Operating Cost (NOC) Billing and Revenue
  - 6.2 Trust Fund Balance
7. Network Operations Update (David Brooks)
  - 7.1 Monthly Reports (May – September 2021)
8. Administrative Update
  - 8.1 Grants Update (David Brooks)

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*NextGen RCS Board of Directors*

*SAN DIEGO COUNTY - IMPERIAL COUNTY*

*Graham Mitchell, City Manager, City of El Cajon (Vice Chair), Chief Brian Boggeln, Alpine Fire Protection District  
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*

- 8.2 Training Update (Elissa Dorame)
- 9. Major Projects Update (Brooks/Schmidt)
  - 9.1 RCS Site Projects Status (David Brooks)
  - 9.2 NextGen RCS Project Status (Luis Santiesteban)
  - 9.3 IVECA Projects (Mark Schmidt)
  - 9.4 First Net (David Brooks)
- 10. Consent Agenda (Vice Chair)
  - 10.1 Request the RCS Board approve a new RCS customer agreement with 760 Fire Photography for up to five radios.
 

*Staff background/recommendation: 760 Fire Photography is requesting to become a customer with a maximum limit of five radios to the RCS. 760 Fire Photography is a private entity that provides public service through photo/media coverage of fire incidents in the County. Upon approval, this will bring estimated annual customer revenue of \$4,624.20. Staff recommends approval.*
  - 10.2 Request the RCS Board approve a new RCS customer agreement with San Dieguito River Park JPA for up to 10 radios.
 

*Staff background/recommendation: San Dieguito River Park JPA is requesting to become a customer with a maximum limit of ten radios to the RCS. San Dieguito River Park will be using the radios for their park rangers. Upon approval, this will bring estimated annual customer revenue of \$9,248.40. Staff recommends approval.*
  - 10.3 Request the RCS Board approve a new RCS customer agreement with U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Homeland Security Investigations for up to 30 radios.
 

*Staff background/recommendation: The U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) is requesting to become a customer with a maximum limit of 30 radios to the RCS. The radios will be used by HSI agents to be able to communicate with their DEA and CHP counterparts. Upon approval, this will bring estimated annual customer revenue of \$27,745.20. Staff recommends approval.*
  - 10.4 Request the RCS Board approve a new RCS customer agreement with Sweetwater Authority for up to 20 radios.
 

*Staff background/recommendation: Sweetwater Authority is requesting to become a customer with a maximum limit of 20 radios to the RCS. Sweetwater Authority is an existing mutual aid user and will be transitioning the use of their radios for operational use. Upon approval, this will bring estimated annual customer revenue of \$18,496.80. Staff recommends approval.*

- 10.5 Request the RCS Board approve a new RCS Mutual Aid agreement with Geo Transport for up to 10 radios.

*Staff background/recommendation: Geo Transport, under contract from the United States Marshal service, transport federal inmates in and around San Diego and Imperial Counties. Geo Transport is requesting to have mutual aid communication to be utilized for emergency situations, to request assistance from local/ federal law enforcement or medical services in the event there is an emergency during a transport run, through the identified "dead zone" areas. Staff recommends approval.*

11. Main Agenda

(Vice Chair/Brooks)

- 11.1 Request the RCS Board approve the updates made on the RCS Mutual Aid User Policy (Attachment A) and on the Mutual Aid Radio Communications Agency Use Agreement (Attachment B); and approve the attached list of mutual aid agencies (Attachment C) on the RCS. A sample Mutual Aid User Request Form is also attached for reference (Attachment D).

*Staff background/ recommendation: In October 2016, the RCS Board re-authorized and approved the San Diego County Mutual Aid Radio Plan, RCS Mutual Aid User Policy, and RCS Mutual Aid Agreement. The policy is being updated to include a five (5) year term on all current and future agreements and specifies the conditions that if an agency does not respond within 60 days of request to amend the agreement, the radios will be disabled on the system. New agreements with these agencies will be developed in accordance with the conditions stated in this updated policy. Those agencies who do not qualify under the updated conditions will be offered Customer Service Agreements, which will be brought to the Board for approval. Staff recommends approval.*

- 11.2 Request the RCS Board designate 40Mbps of RCS microwave backhaul network for mutual aid use.

*Staff background/recommendation: The RCS microwave network was designed to support the legacy RCS and the NextGen RCS. This design was based on the need to keep both systems fully operational during the transition to NextGen RCS. Now that all RCS users have transitioned to NextGen RCS and the legacy system has been removed, there is substantial bandwidth available on the RCS microwave backhaul network. In the February 10, 2021 meeting, the RCS Board approved the use of RCS microwave backhaul for the purpose of regional VHF communications. This request would expand the Board's decision and set aside a portion of the RCS backhaul microwave network for regional mutual aid communications. Agency's use of the bandwidth would be contingent upon approval of the RCS Board. The mutual aid portion of the network would be "best effort delivery" and would be restricted from impacting NextGen RCS voice operations. Staff recommends to designate 40Mbps of RCS microwave backhaul for mutual aid.*

11.3 Election of Chair and Vice Chair (Brooks)

*Staff background: The Chairperson and Vice Chairperson of the NextGen RCS Board of Directors shall be elected by a majority vote of the NextGen RCS Directors. The Chairperson and Vice Chairperson shall serve at the discretion of a majority of the NextGen RCS Directors, i.e., they may be replaced at any time by a majority vote of the NextGen RCS Directors. The Chairperson and Vice Chairperson shall be selected from members representing NextGen RCS Parties other than IVECA and Caltrans.*

Nominations for Chair  
Vote for Chair  
Nominations for Vice-Chair  
Vote for Vice-Chair

11.4 Request the RCS Board to appoint board member to serve on the RCS Budget Committee.

*Staff background: Previous RCS board member on the Budget Committee, Chief Lydon, is no longer available to serve on the Budget Committee due to recent retirement. Current Budget Committee Members are: Chief Jose Tellez and Mr. Ernesto Fermin. Budget Committee Members will meet with staff in December or January (depending on availability) to discuss FY 22-23 Budget and finalize budget recommendation for RCS BOD February 2022 meeting.*

11.5 Proposed 2022 Meeting Schedule. Request the RCS BOD approve the 2022 Meeting dates:

Venue for all quarterly RCS BOD meetings:  
550 Overland Ave. Rm. 120, San Diego, CA 92123

- 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter - Wednesday, February 9; 1:00 p.m.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter – Wednesday, April 13 OR Wednesday, May 11; 1:00 p.m.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter – Wednesday, July 13; 1:00 p.m.
- 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter – Wednesday, October 12; 1:00 p.m.

*Staff background: The BOD must meet at least once per quarter. If the BOD finds that additional or more frequent meetings are required, the BOD can add or change the schedule as needed.*

12. Roundtable (Vice Chair)

13. Conclude (Vice Chair)

**Next Proposed Meeting Date:  
Wednesday, February 9, 2022 at 1:00 PM  
5500 Overland Ave., Room 120, San Diego, CA 92123**