

Meeting Minutes

California First Responder Network Board

May 27, 2015
Sacramento, CA

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Karen Wong, Governor's Office of Emergency Services (CalOES)

Sue Plantz, Governor's Office of Emergency Services, Public Safety Communications (PSC)

Barry Fraser, Bay Area Regional Interoperable Communications Systems Authority

Cynthia Gomez, California Governor's Tribal Advisor

Bill Hartley, Emergency Medical Services Authority

Kevin Guerrero, California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection

Scott Howland, California Highway Patrol

Pat Mallon, Los Angeles Regional Interoperable Communications System (LA-RICS)

Mitch McCann, California Police Chiefs Association

Nathan Trauernicht, California Fire Chiefs Association

Adelina Zendejas, Department of Technology

Mathew Rantanen, Southern California Tribal Chairmen's Association

Tony Tavarez, Department of Transportation (DOT)

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Edward Bonner, California State Sheriff's Association

STAFF PRESENT:

Robert Bjorklund, Public Safety Communications (PSC)

Paul Dumetz, Public Safety Communications (PSC)

Phillip Killion, Public Safety Communications (PSC)

Yolanda Villasenor, Public Safety Communications (PSC)

Greg Hamilton, Public Safety Communications (PSC)

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I. CALL TO ORDER

- Karen Wong called the California First Responder Network (CalFRN) Board of Directors meeting to order.

II. APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 2014 MEETING MINUTES

- April 2015 Meeting Minutes approved.

III. FIRSTNET IN CALIFORNIA STATE CONSULTATION DISCUSSION

- Karen Wong updated what she learned at previous state consultations she attended.
 - Discussed Oregon, Nevada, Idaho, and Texas state consultations
 - Emphasized the importance of rural California as being part of the FirstNet network
 - Integrating the needs of tribal groups in California
- Matt Rantanen proposed the addition of one more day to California State Consultation
 - Karen Wong agreed to proposal of addition and plans of presenting the idea to FirstNet
- Discussed the importance of partnering with the Federal Partners and have them present.
- Barry recommended reaching out to reach out to Border Patrol in the San Diego area. Not all tribal areas are considered rural areas recommended reviewing the coverage map in areas that are not urban areas and identify critical infrastructure.

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- CPUC has an application called CalSpeed the group has mapped the commercial carrier for the State of California. Between Adelina and CPUC they have been doing outreach in the rural areas.
- Data Collection Phase is due at the end of September. Plan to use the CASM tool data and the FirstNet survey tool.
- Cynthia Gomez requested to include Tribal in the Data Collection Phase. Requested to reach out to the Tribal leadership.
- Karen Wong is going to give an overview and plans for FirstNet to hear from everyone else in California.
 - Sheriff Mele will speak about the 'RIM Fire'
 - Identified the Coast Guard and the critical role
 - Earthquake authority
- Plan to build a map to show coverage vulnerabilities for the State of California for the consultation.
- Barry recommended adding a major 'Event' on the agenda. Recommend adding the Giants or Super Bowl event.
- Sue Plantz confirmed the venue is available on July 30.
- Western States will be invited to the State Consultation.
- Rural areas do not have the necessary resources to cover the interstate. Recommend telling the story of the Colusa bus accident.
- Recommended developing a list of commonly asked questions for the State Consultation.
- Adelina Zendejas recommended providing a fact sheet for State Consultation.

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- Plan to produce two videos hope it will resonant with the participants and create more conversation.
- California's unique size creates another level of complexity during any incident.
- Suggest having a presenter present the San Bruno incident. Video is available and made national news. This is a good example were multiple agencies were involved.
- FirstNet is looking at having the spectrum used by others and removed during an incident.
- Need a framework in place to prioritize the need during several incidents. Governance needs to be established. Currently everyone brings their own spectrum.
- Mission critical devices have applications the question is will the end users have limited access or restricted access.
- Apple products sell their products with Band 14 capability.
- Cost is a major issue for all entities.
- Develop a 'Call to Order' document for the State Consultation.
- Karen Wong shared have no other State has addressed the Data and Security.
- Recommended integrating the Tribal issues during the State Consultation and not put the tribal portion at the end.
- Matthew indicated because of Tribal sovereignty the tribal leaders will want their own opportunity to address FirstNet.
- Barry Fraser is not available for the second day and requested to be moved to the first day.
- Cynthia Gomez shared all but one tribal police agency has access to CLETS.

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- Karen Wong proposes revising the agenda and schedule another meeting in three weeks. Plan to have the agenda finalized no later than July 1.

IV. LA-RICS UPDATE

- City and County Fire Unions concerned about placing the cell towers at Fire Stations because of radio frequency emissions. The Fire Union hired consultants to address the emission concerns.
- LA-RICS adheres to the FCC 700-800 standards. LA-RICS maximum power at fifty feet above the ground 7-8 inside the building underneath the tower is one-thousandth of the FCC maximum allowed emissions.
- LA-RICS proposed a new plan to move the towers furthest from the building.
- 232 original sites proposed in the plan met the CEQA exemption.
- On March 27, the number of sites was reduced from 177 to 40 the city council took a position that towers cannot be built on the fire station facilities.
- In the event of emergency can bring cell-on-wheels to provide coverage.
- Department of Finance has specific requirements for the use of the grant money.

V. AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Schedule a meeting in three weeks.

VII. ADJOURN