

Meeting Minutes

California First Responder Network Board

December 6, 2017

Cal OES Public Safety Communications, Sacramento, CA

Board Members:

Budge Currier, California Statewide Interoperability Coordinator (SWIC)

Javier Del Rio (for Jason Akbari), Caltrans

Scott Edson, Los Angeles Regional Interoperable Communications System (LA-RICS)

Barry Fraser, Bay Area Regional Interoperable Communications Systems Authority (BAYRICS)

Kevin Guerrero, California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CALFIRE)

Bill Hartley, Emergency Medical Services Authority (EMSA)

Scott Howland, California Highway Patrol (CHP)

Jeff Hunter, California Police Chiefs Association

Jeff Le, California Governor's Tribal Advisor

Patrick Mallon, California FirstNet Single Point of Contact (SPOC), Cal OES PSC Assistant Director

Nathan Trauernicht, California Fire Chiefs Association (CFCA), CalFRN Board Vice-Chair

Paul Troxel (for James Mele), Placer County Sheriff's Department

Adelina Zendejas, California Department of Technology (CalTech)

Guests:

Mitch Medigovich, Deputy Director, Cal OES

Stephanie Ogren, Cal OES Legal Affairs

David Buchanan, FirstNet

Adam Geisler, FirstNet

Kevin Green, FirstNet

Jeanette Kennedy, FirstNet

Kevin Nida, FirstNet

John Goddard, AT&T

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Shane Harper, AT&T

Melissa Rother, AT&T

Staff Present:

Paul Dumetz, Public Safety Communications (PSC)

Michael Elder, Public Safety Communications (PSC)

Phillip Killion, Public Safety Communications (PSC)

Tim Semenov, Public Safety Communications (PSC)

Monique Shells, Public Safety Communications (PSC)

I. CALL TO ORDER

- Mr. Pat Mallon, California FirstNet SPOC, called the California First Responder Network (CalFRN) Board of Directors meeting to order, and took roll call.

II. APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 2017 MEETING MINUTES

- The October 2017 Meeting Minutes were approved by the Board. Chief Kevin Guerrero abstained.

III. CURRENT STATUS OF FIRSTNET OFFER AND UPDATED TAG ANALYSIS

- Mr. Budge Currier provided an update on the FirstNet state plan and reviewed the evaluation process of the technical advisory group (TAG). The TAG evaluated whether the state plan exceeded, met or did not meet needs of California public safety based on topics focused on coverage, network performance, and services.
- In October, the technical advisory group's (TAG's) review resulted in an overall weighted score of 2.0, i.e., it did not meet California's needs. AT&T provided revised

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letters on October 6, November 15 and December 1. Cal OES is reviewing the latest letter and plans to continue negotiations.

- The next steps will be to discuss the latest offer with the CalFRN Board, address remaining gaps, and provide all data to the Governor for a decision.
- Mr. Mallon noted his appreciation for AT&T's latest offer, which goes a long way to where California needs to be. Discussions will continue over the next few weeks.
- Mr. Scott Howland thanked FirstNet and AT&T for continuing dialogue to improve the state plan and address California's concerns.
- Mr. Barry Fraser thanked the Cal OES staff for their efforts in negotiations and releasing a request for proposal (RFP) in a short timeframe. Also thanked AT&T for improvements in the plan.
- Mr. Scott Edson noted that much work remains with AT&T as well as with evaluating the RFP responses prior to the Governor making his decision.

IV. CALIFORNIA EMERGENCY SERVICES NETWORK (CaIESN) RFP STATUS

- Mr. Budge Carrier explained the CaIESN RFP for an alternate state radio access network (RAN) was released to ensure due diligence is performed in getting the best solution for California. The RFP process should not be interpreted as a decision to opt in or opt out of FirstNet. The RFP is aligned with the opt-out procedures identified by the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA).
- The RFP is available on eProcure and responses are due at 6:00pm today. Evaluations will be completed by December 13. Notification of intent to award will

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be no earlier than December 29, the day after the Governor's decision. Until intent to award, contents of the evaluation cannot be shared.

- Question from Ashish Kakkad: Who is on the RFP review team? Ms. Stephanie Ogren, Cal OES Legal Affairs, said the composition of the evaluation team cannot be discussed at this time.
- The opt-out process includes 90 days for the Governor's decision, and 270 days for the state to award a contract and submit an alternative state plan for approval by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The FCC is expected to take about 90 days to review, and then the NTIA reviews the spectrum lease agreement process. In all, opt-out timeline takes about a year after the Governor's decision.

V. PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PSAC) UPDATE

- Mr. Barry Fraser stated the next PSAC meeting is in Atlanta, GA on December 14.

VI. STATEWIDE INTEROPERABILITY COORDINATOR (SWIC) UPDATE

- Mr. Currier has discussed with the Department of Homeland Security's Interoperable Communications Technical Assistance Program (DHS ICTAP) regarding future training and consultations related to FirstNet. California gets 5-6 technical assists (TAs) per year. Mr. Currier asked for inputs on additions to the ICTAP catalog that public safety may need.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

- Mr. David Buchanan, Firstnet, said that FirstNet started consultations with California four years ago and has joined in over two dozen meetings since the state plan was

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released in June. FirstNet staff is available to provide additional details and want to be part of continued consultation over next weeks for the Governor's decision.

- Ms. Karen Freitag, Rivada Networks, encouraged California to take time to review the RFP bids as this is a big decision for California, and reminded that opting out does not commit to a final decision on FirstNet and AT&T.
- Mr. Scott Nememzahl, TacSat Networks, said the recent wildfires' impact to infrastructure shows the challenges with terrestrial networks. He emphasized the need for robust rural and deployable solutions to provide redundancy to first responders.

VIII. ADJOURN

- Adjourn 10:28AM.