

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
INTEROPERABILITY NETWORK OF THE SOUTH BAY  
JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**

**DECEMBER 10, 2019**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Interoperability Network of the South Bay (INSB) Technical Committee convened in a regular meeting at 10:01AM on Tuesday, December 10, 2019, in the second floor conference room at the South Bay Regional Public Communications Authority, 4440 West Broadway, Hawthorne, CA.

**2. ROLL CALL**

Present: Chair Erick Lee, City of Gardena  
Vice Chair Jerry Edwards, City of Torrance  
Member Shawn Bonfield, City of El Segundo  
Member Debra Kochheim, City of Redondo Beach  
Member Andy Harrod, City of Manhattan Beach (arrived 10:12AM)  
Member Milton McKinnon, City of Hermosa Beach

Absent: City of Hawthorne

Also Present: Ernest Gallo, City of Torrance  
Nathan Rukasin, Culver City Fire Department  
Battalion Chief Leroy Diekmann, Chevron Fire  
Michael Bathauer, Chevron Fire  
Jeff Fukasawa, Commline  
Alternate Member John Krok, City of Gardena  
Lena Ramos, Communications Supervisor  
Bruce York, Nextivity  
Victor Mejia, Nextivity  
Thomas Luce, Resident

**3. POSTING OF THE AGENDA**

Chair Lee reported that the agenda was posted on the front window of the Authority's headquarters facility and on the Authority's website and was distributed via email to all committee members and interested parties.

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Thomas Luce addressed the committee on the subject of encryption. He urged the JPA's police departments to not encrypt their main frequencies in order to increase transparency, which he feels in the best interest of the public. He also advised that non-encryption would assist first responders during disasters.

**5. CONSENT CALENDAR**

a. Approval of Minutes – November 12, 2019

Motion: Member McKinnon moved to approve the INSB Technical Minutes of November 12, 2019 as written. The motion was seconded by Member Bonfield and passed by unanimous voice vote.

**6. GENERAL BUSINESS**

a. Discussion of System Technical Issues

The Committee discussed the overall benefits of the system and concurred that the system continues to work as designed.

Bonfield advised that Manhattan Beach Fire Department and Manhattan Beach Police Department may have experienced system issues with recent fireworks event. Member Harrod advised that this may be a programming/training issue and will follow-up with John Krok and Commline.

Vice Chair Edwards reported that there was a minor outage for a few minutes on the Spectrum fiber link, but the system failed over correctly to the microwave connection to Baldwin Hills as designed and no system outage occurred.

Member McKinnon advised that an officer recently reported issues with a broadcast that did not go through. Hermosa Beach Police Department did location testing and confirmed that coverage should have been acceptable at place of transmission. He encouraged all member agencies to confirm coverage when issues like this arise.

Mr. Fukasawa of Commline encouraged all issues to include date, time, and location when they are reported. Alternate Member Krok reminded the Committee that staff continues to meet with Motorola on a weekly basis to discuss these issues.

b. Torrance Prime Site to Mt. Thom Microwave Link

Vice Chair Edwards reported that Motorola continues to work on the problems associated with this link. Item will be re-agendized for discussion at January 2020 meeting.

c. Manhattan Beach Water Tower Site & Mitigation Options

Mr. Gallo reported that pre-bid meetings are occurring on December 9 and 11, 2019. City of Manhattan Beach anticipates award of contract in March 2020. He also advised that a site visit to the Manhattan Beach public safety building will occur shortly to conduct an inspection and determine initial feasibility of hosting a site. He also advised that Motorola will need to provide quotes for moving the equipment up and down the WT in order to preserve the warranties and determine who is authorized to make these moves.

d. Update on Transition of Local Government Users

Item will be re-agendized for discussion at March or April 2020 meeting.

e. Update on Federal T-Band Issue

Mr. Gallo reported on the status of the current legislation and the importance of the FCC chairman's recent letter to Congress officially documenting the problems and requested a legislative solution.

**7. COMMENTS FROM TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND STAFF**

Mr. Gallo requested specific site coverage maps for the Manhattan Beach Water Tower issue. Mr. Fukasawa will provide the maps. Mr. Gallo also requested that Committee members submit to him any significant capital requests that may be considered over the next five years. This information will be provided to the Finance Committee and used to develop shovel ready projects for grant opportunities.

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 10:55AM.