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Executive Board

Regular Meeting Minutes

DATE: Wednesday – March 11, 2026 **TIME:** 3:30pm

PLACE: The Council Chambers of the Corte Madera Town Hall, Lower Level Conference Room: located at 300 Tamalpais Drive, Corte Madera.

A. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

Meeting Called to Order by Todd Cusimano at 3:31PM

Executive Board Members

Representing	Representative	Present	Absent
Ross Valley Cities/Towns	Chris Good	X	
County of Marin	Jason Weber	X	
Fire Services	Mark Pomi	X	
Police Departments	Michael Norton		X
Special Districts	Don Wick	X	
Southern Marin Cities/Towns	Todd Cusimano	X	
Marin County Sheriff	Jamie Scardina	X	
City of San Rafael	Abraham Roman		X
City of Novato	Bill Rose	X	

Staff Present: MERA Executive Officer Heather Plamondon
Secretary Lorena Barrera

B. Approval of Minutes from Executive Board Regular Meeting 1-14-2026 (Action-Plamondon)

M/S/C (Wick/Weber). Motion passed

C. MERA FY25-26 Budget Reports presented. No concerns

D. MERA System Use and User Reports presented. No concerns

E. Review and Approve a Mutual Aid Talkgroup Request from Santa Rosa PD (Action-Plamondon)

Approved to move forward with sharing the existing NB Mutual Aid talkgroups with Santa Rosa Police. MOU will be provided and MC Radio Shop will be coordinating the programming and addition of the identified radios.

- F. Proposed FY 26/27 MERA Budget Package was presented and discussed. Using the same format as the past two budget cycle's, no changes. Noted the consolidation of three services agreements with the County DPW into one agreement and moving to a monthly bill for services from DPW to MERA rather than flat quarterly payments made. Staff believe this will allow for more accurate reflection of services provided and more accurate billing. Also presented increasing the Cap Replacement contribution to \$650K, this will build our reserves faster and with the budget savings off-set there will still not be an increase to the total agency contributions.

The proposed budget was supported and will move forward to the GB as presented with the \$650K cap contribution.

- G. Next Gen Update provided.

- a. Novato_ Reviewed the work that Motorola has been doing on chasing down the coverage concerns in areas of Novato, looking at Antenna placement at the Big Rock repeater site, interference from the AT&T Antennas near FS65, and doing drive testing with the Radio Shop to test signal strength from the subscribers.
- b. Sonoma County_ Had a discussion with Motorola and Sonoma County about opportunities to share repeater sites, at this time, except for Sonoma Mountain (where we used to have RF, and now only Microwave) they do not have sites that would benefit the MERA footprint.

Adjournment: 4:04PM