

RESOLUTION 2013-54

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT
WITH THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO TO ADD FORTY
800MHz RADIOS AND THE HARBOR POLICE
EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION DISPATCH
CENTER TO THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY- IMPERIAL
COUNTY REGIONAL COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM
IN EXCHANGE FOR FOUR FEDERAL
COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION (FCC) LICENSED
800MHz FREQUENCIES**

WHEREAS, the San Diego Unified Port District (District) is a public corporation created by the Legislature in 1962 pursuant to Harbors and Navigation Code Appendix I, (Port Act); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Port Commissioners (BPC) adopted BPC Policy No. 110 establishing a procedure for the administration of contracts and the purchasing of supplies, materials, and equipment and establishing a policy governing the processing and administration of contracts; and

WHEREAS, since 1993 the District has owned and operated an 800MHz radio system with transmission equipment located at a leased site in Point Loma which provided for the various law enforcement and operational field communication needs of the District including those of the Harbor Police, Maritime, General Services, Environmental, Ground Transportation and Airport Operations; and

WHEREAS, in 1995 San Diego and Imperial Counties along with twenty-five other local, state and governmental agencies formed the "San Diego County - Imperial County Regional Communications System" (RCS) to provide for the common need of these agencies for an 800MHz radio communication system; and

WHEREAS, all District member cities are currently members of the RCS with the exception of San Diego which has deployed its own 800MHz system prior to the creation of the RCS; and

WHEREAS, after September 11, 2001, there was a national "push" for interoperable communications among safety agencies to increase their capabilities to effectively respond in a coordinated manner on large scale events; and

WHEREAS, currently, the District's Maritime and Harbor Police departments have two hundred and sixty-one (261) radios and the primary Harbor Police Communications Dispatch Center has four (4) safety radio consoles operating on RCS; and

WHEREAS, the Harbor Police Emergency Communications Center (ECC) has two (2) radio consoles that are still operating on the District's 800MHz radio, the District's General Services department has an inventory of one hundred and ten (110) radios operating on the District's 800MHz radio system, and the District's Environmental & Land Use Management department no longer utilizes 800MHz radios; and

WHEREAS, the current 800MHz radio handsets used by the District's General Services department are not currently supported by RCS, requiring the District to purchase new handsets and pay the per radio RCS buy-in fee; and

WHEREAS, an internal evaluation has determined that the General Services department can reduce the number of radios needed to forty (40); and

WHEREAS, the public safety radio consoles utilized by the District's Harbor Police Dispatch are nearing the end of their usable service life and will need to be replaced as RCS undergoes a major infrastructure upgrade anticipated to go-live by 2017; and

WHEREAS, the RCS Board of Directors has agreed to waive the standard per-radio buy-in fee of \$4,500 in exchange for four (4) Federal Communications Commission (FCC) licensed 800MHz frequencies currently utilized by the District's 800MHz radio system (Base Station WQFQ615); and

WHEREAS, RCS is in need of the additional frequencies to support its member's radio communication needs in the San Diego region; and

WHEREAS, the RCS 2013 agreement with the County of San Diego will allow the District to add forty (40) 800MHz radios and the Harbor Police ECC to RCS; and

WHEREAS, the County of San Diego has agreed to provide the District with surplus parts to aide in connecting the ECC to the RCS Backbone.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Port Commissioners of the San Diego Unified Port District, as follows:

That the Executive Director or his designated representative is hereby authorized on behalf of the San Diego Unified Port District to enter into an agreement with the County of San Diego to add forty (40) 800MHz radios and the Harbor Police Emergency Communication Dispatch Center to the San Diego County–Imperial County Regional Communications System in exchange for four (4) Federal Communications Commission (FCC) licensed 800MHz frequencies.

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PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Port Commissioners of the San Diego Unified Port District, this 9th day of April, 2013, by the following vote:

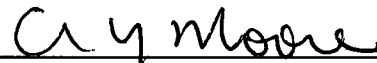
AYES: Malcolm, Moore, Nelson, Smith, Valderrama

NAYS: None.

EXCUSED: None.

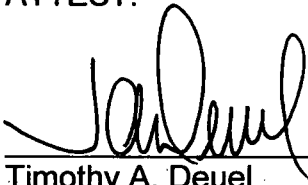
ABSENT: None.

ABSTAIN: None.



Ann Y. Moore, Chair
Board of Port Commissioners

ATTEST:



Timothy A. Deuel
District Clerk

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