

RESOLUTION 2014-24

**RESOLUTION DECLARING DESIRE TO
POTENTIALLY PARTICIPATE IN COUNTY OF SAN
DIEGO OFFERED NEXT GENERATION REGIONAL
COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM (NEXTGEN RCS)
FINANCING PLAN**

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, Section 30 of the Port Act grants authority to the District to operate facilities and equipment necessary for or incidental to the operation of the harbor; and

WHEREAS, Section 57 of the Port Act grants authority to the District to operate utilities that are necessary or convenient to the District's operation; and

WHEREAS, in 2006 the District joined as a member agency in the San Diego - Imperial County Regional Communications System (RCS); and

WHEREAS, currently, the District's Harbor Police, General Services, and Maritime Operations Departments rely upon RCS for their day-to-day public safety and operational radio communication needs; and

WHEREAS, the existing RCS infrastructure is also nearing end of life and is in need of a major upgrade; and

WHEREAS, the transition from the existing RCS to the Next Generation Regional Communication System (NextGen RCS) infrastructure is anticipated to cost \$105 million and take approximately four years to complete; and

WHEREAS, current RCS member agencies that choose to participate in NextGen RCS would be expected to pay another per-radio buy-in fee to cover the costs of the NextGen RCS infrastructure upgrades; and

WHEREAS, the anticipated buy-in cost for the District's 302 radios is anticipated to be approximately \$1.8 to \$2.1 million; and

WHEREAS, this buy-in would be required in FY16 to coincide with the award of a contract for the implementation of the NextGen RCS infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the final price buy-in amount is contingent on the number of agencies that decide to participate in the NextGen RCS and the results of the Request for Proposals (RFP); and

WHEREAS, the County of San Diego is also interested in determining which agencies might be interested in participating in a plan to finance their buy-in cost and pay over time; and

WHEREAS, once fully executed, this agreement will provide all parties a higher degree of certainty regarding who is participating in NextGen RCS and what their eventual share will be to buy-in; and

WHEREAS, for agencies that do not sign the agreement and provide their good-faith commitment to participate in NextGen RCS prior to March 31, 2014 the buy-in cost will be 15% to 25% higher; and

WHEREAS, a good-faith commitment to participate in NextGen RCS is required from each RCS member agency prior to January 1, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the County sent a letter to the District on December 12, 2013 providing notification that the agreement regarding the NextGen RCS was ready for our consideration; and

WHEREAS, the County also would like feedback on which agencies would be interested in utilizing a financing mechanism if one was offered; and

WHEREAS, specific terms and conditions on any proposed financing mechanism or plan that might be offered by the County are not available at this time.

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 declare the desire to potentially participate in County of San Diego offered Next Generation Regional Communications System financing plan.

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

PORT ATTORNEY



By: Assistant/Deputy

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PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Port Commissioners of the San Diego Unified Port District, this 11th day of February, 2014, by the following vote:

AYES: Bonelli, Castellanos, Malcolm, Merrifield, Moore, Nelson, and Valderrama

NAYS: None.

EXCUSED: None.

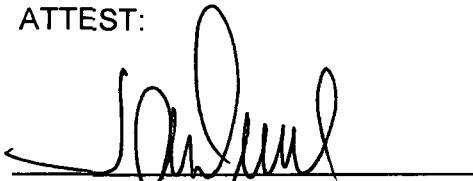
ABSENT: None.

ABSTAIN: None.



Robert E. Nelson, Chairman
Board of Port Commissioners

ATTEST:



Timothy A. Deuel
District Clerk

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