

Bay Area UASI

Interoperability Update

(FirstNet and BayRICS Quarterly Report)

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FirstNet



- FirstNet and AT&T submitted the final State Plan in September.
- Governor must decide by December 28 whether to opt-in to the FirstNet plan or to optout and develop an alternative plan to build a radio access network (RAN) in the state.
- CalFRN has been tasked with making a recommendation to the CalOES Director on the Governor's decision.



CalFRN California Priorities

Coverage	
Rural	Tribal
Coastline	Network Capacity
Mexico Border	Timeline for Deployment
In-Building	Other?
Network	
Architecture	Service Availability
Cyber Security	Testing
Deployables	Early Builder Integration
Priority/Preemption/QoS	Other?
Cost and Services	
Cost	Customer Service Quality
Devices	Financial Stability
Applications Integration	Training
PSAP Data & CAD Interface	Other?
CLETS & Critical Data Access	



- California conducted two parallel review processes:
 - (1) Technical Advisory Group (TAG) evaluations
 - (2) Subject Matter Expert (SME) analysis
- CalFRN Board voted to make no recommendation at this time, instructed staff to review the remaining gaps with FirstNet and AT&T, and scheduled a special CalFRN Meeting on November 7 to revisit the issues.



State Plan Review

Strengths

- Considerable detail on AT&T's intended deployment
- Documented deployable request process
- Mitigates Mexico border interference
- Clear Authorized, Primary, and Extended Primary users
- Identification of no-cost training
- Well-developed roadmap through 2022

Weaknesses

- Current coverage falls short of competing providers and planned coverage falls short of public safety's long-term needs
- Coverage maps are inaccurate
- Fails to commit to Public Safety Grade requirements
- Only a qualified intent to assimilate LA-RICS assets into AT&T network
- Lacks details on satellite partner service
- Unclear on true application interoperability



BayRICS continues to host Monthly Radio Operators Advisory Group (formerly P25 Operators Advisory Group):

- July Communications update from DHS, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement; FirstNet-AT&T State Plan Overview and Opportunity to Comment
- August License fees for Bay Area mutual aid subscribers; Regional capabilities gaps and recommendations; FEMA request for list of available Bay Area high sites; Regional THIRA Review & FY18 Project Proposal Guidance.
- September Interoperable capabilities gaps draft report; UASI Regional Projects
- October Mutual aid response to North Bay fires; equipment sharing to support Sonoma County microwave at damaged Barham site; Update on FirstNet, AT&T, and California Governor's Decision



Recommendations and Next Steps:

- Expand "BayRICS P25 Advisory Group" to include representatives from all regional agencies
- Develop an updated Regional Tactical Interoperable Communications Plan (TICP) and implement a training and exercise framework for users, incident commanders, and dispatchers
- Continue to meet monthly to discuss radio programming, equipment standards and technical advances, and develop additional guidelines to help bridge identified gaps
- BayRICS Authority to work with the UASI to conduct annual assessments designed to chart the progress made toward eliminating these gaps and identifying new challenges as they arise



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Questions?

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