



State of California
9-1-1 Advisory Board



PUBLIC NOTICE /AGENDA
FEBRUARY 18, 2016
9:00 A.M - PST
3650 Schriever Blvd, Mather, CA 95655
(Multi-Purpose Room)

Date of Notice: February 7, 2016

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the State 9-1-1 Advisory Board will meet in Mather, California, as set forth below. The Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act applies to meetings of the State 9-1-1 Advisory Board, which are open to the public. Public participation, comments and questions are welcome for each agenda item. All items are appropriate for action if the Board wishes to take action. Agenda items may be taken out of order.

Item	Agenda Topic	Action
I	Welcome - Call to Order – Roll Call	<i>Roll Call</i>
II	Approval of November 12, 2015 Meeting Minutes	<i>Discussion & Vote</i>
III	Closed Session - Review of Detailed Information on 9-1-1 Outages, Pending Litigation and Personnel Matters <i>Pursuant to G.C. Section 11126(e)</i>	<i>Discussion</i>
IV	Legislative Update <i>Reggie Salvador</i>	<i>Discussion</i>
V	Wireless Accuracy Update <i>William Anderson</i>	<i>Discussion</i>
VI	Requests for New Public Safety Answering Points <i>State 9-1-1 Advisory Board</i>	<i>Discussion</i>
VII	CA 9-1-1 Branch Report <i>William Anderson</i>	<i>Discussion</i>
VIII	Long Range Planning Committee Report <i>Charles Cullen</i>	<i>Discussion</i>
IX	County Coordinator Task Force Report <i>Tracey Kesler</i>	<i>Discussion</i>
X	CalFRN/FirstNet Report <i>Sue Plantz</i>	<i>Discussion</i>
XI	Agenda Items for Future Meetings	<i>Discussion</i>
XII	Public Comment	<i>Discussion</i>
XIII	Adjourn	

The Board's meetings are subject to cancellation and agenda items are subject to removal.

While the board intends to webcast this meeting, it may not be possible to webcast the entire open meeting due to limitation on resources.



STATE 9-1-1 ADVISORY BOARD

PUBLIC COMMENT: Public comments will be limited to three minutes per person or organization. If the Office determines that there is not enough time to hear from all those wishing to present comments, the Office will select among those wishing to testify to ensure representation of a range of viewpoints and interests. Those providing public comment may choose to supplement their testimony with written statements that will be made part of the official public meeting record.

SUGGESTIONS FOR SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN MATERIALS: It is requested that written materials be submitted to the State 9-1-1 Advisory Board liaison prior to the meeting. If this is not possible it is requested that at least 30 copies be submitted to the State 9-1-1 Advisory Board liaison. This material will be distributed to the State 9-1-1 Advisory Board Members.

ACCESS TO HEARING: The meeting is accessible to the physically disabled. A person who needs a disability-related accommodation or modification in order to participate in the meeting may make a request by contacting Paul Dumetz at (916) 657-9505 or sending a written request to the Public Safety Communications Office at 601 Sequoia Pacific Blvd, Sacramento, CA 95811. Providing your request at least five (5) business days before the meeting will help ensure availability of the requested accommodation.

CLOSED SESSION: Government Code Section 11126(e) The State 9-1-1 Advisory Board may meet to consider possible and pending litigation personnel matters and 9-1-1 outage information in a session closed to the public pursuant to attorney-client privilege and statutory exception to the Bagley Keene Open Meeting Act.

For further information, please contact:

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State 9-1-1 Advisory Board Members

Roll Call

- Mitchell Medigovich, Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES)
- Chief, Scott Howland, California Highway Patrol (CHP)
- Charles Berdan, Association of Public-Safety Communication Officials (APCO)
- Charles Cullen, California National Emergency Number Association (CALNENA)
- Jaime Young, California National Emergency Number Association (CALNENA)
- Chief, Nathan Trauernicht, California Fire Chiefs Association (CFCA)
- Lesli J. Wilson, California Fire Chiefs Association (CFCA)
- Sheriff, Edward Bonner, California State Sheriffs' Association (CSSA)
- Sheriff, James W. Mele, California State Sheriffs' Association (CSSA)
- Chief, Michael Langston, California Police Chiefs Association (CPCA)
- Assistant Chief, David Wilson, California Police Chiefs Association (CPCA)

**State 9-1-1 Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes**

Thursday, November 12, 2015
1:00p.m.

LOCATION: Cal OES Head Quarters
3650 Schriever Avenue, Mather, California 95655-4203

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Karen Wong, Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES), Public Safety Communications (PSC)
Chief Scott Howland, California Highway Patrol (CHP)
David Wilson, California Police Chiefs Association (CPCA)
Charles Berdan, Association of Public-Safety Communication Officials (APCO)
Charles Cullen, California National Emergency Number Association (CALNENA)
Chris Herren Designee for Lesli J. Wilson, California Fire Chiefs Association (CFCA)
Paul Troxel Designee for Edward Bonner, California State Sheriffs' Association (CSSA)
Jaime Young, California National Emergency Number Association (CALNENA)
James W. Mele, California State Sheriffs' Association (CSSA)

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Nathan Trauernicht, California Fire Chiefs Association (CFCA)
Michael Langston, California Police Chiefs Association (CPCA)

STAFF PRESENT:

Paul Dumetz, Public Safety Communications (PSC)
William Anderson, Public Safety Communications (PSC)
Sue Plantz, Public Safety Communications (PSC)
Phillip Killion, Public Safety Communications (PSC)
Jill Talley, Governor's Office of Emergency Services (CalOES)
Reggie Salvador, Governor's Office of Emergency Services (CalOES)

I. CALL TO ORDER

- The meeting was called to order at 1:03p.m. A quorum was achieved.

II. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF MAY 13, 2015 AND AUGUST 13, 2015 MINUTES.

- Ms. Wong informed the board that Mr. Warner, Public Safety Network (PSN) had expressed concerns with a presentation presented by Mr. Anderson at the May 13, 2015 State 9-1-1 Advisory Board meeting and wanted to reflect a change in the information. No information regarding the correction was provided by Mr. Warner at the November 12, 2015 meeting.

Motion: Mr. Mele motioned to accept the May 13, 2015 Meeting Minutes; seconded by Mr. Howland. Motion passed

Chief Scott Howland (Y)
David Wilson (Y)
Charles Berdan (Y)
Charles Cullen (Y)
Chris Herren (Y)
Paul Troxel (Y)

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Jaime Young (Y)
James W. Mele (Y)

Motion: Mr. Cullen motioned to accept the August 13, 2015 Meeting Minutes with the addition of the request made to the CA 9-1-1 Branch to provide a report on misaligned cell sites; seconded by Mr. Troxel. Motion passed.

Chief Scott Howland (Y)
David Wilson (Y)
Charles Berdan (Y)
Charles Cullen (Y)
Chris Herren (Y)
Paul Troxel (Y)
Jaime Young (Y)
James W. Mele (No Vote)

III. CLOSED SESSION – William Anderson, California 9-1-1 Emergency Communications Branch (CA 9-1-1 Branch) met in closed session with the Board members to discuss and review detailed information regarding 9-1-1 outages in California.

- Outage Report - CLOSED SESSION after vote pursuant to G.C. Section 11126(c)(18)

IV. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

- **CalOES Legislative & External Affairs will provide information regarding current and/or future legislation that may impact California's 9-1-1 system.**
 - Mr. Salvador, Chief of Legislative and External Affairs provided information on Assembly Bill 510. The Bill was updated to change the rate structure of the State Emergency Telephone Number Account (SETNA) from a percentage fee collection model to a flat rate fee model.

V. Wireless Accuracy Update

- **Mr. Anderson, CalOES, CA 9-1-1 Branch Manager provided information regarding the Wireless Transfer Routing Project.**
 - As of November 11, 2015, 63,732 sectors were reviewed, 4,345 sectors were recommended for reroute, 3,125 sectors were approved to be rerouted.

VI. TEHACHAPI PUBLIC SAFETY ANSWERING POINT (PSAP)

- **The State 9-1-1 Advisory Board voted on the City of Tehachapi appeal filed with the Board regarding the CalOES' decision to deny funding for a new Public Safety Answering Point for the City of Tehachapi.**
 - Public comment provided by Interim Chief Kermodé representing Bear Valley Police Department.

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- **Motion:** Mr. Troxel motioned to move forward with CalOES' decision not to fund Tehachapi's request for Central Premise Equipment (CPE); seconded by Mr. Mele. Motion passed.
 - Chief Scott Howland (Y)
 - David Wilson (Y)
 - Charles Berdan (Y)
 - Charles Cullen (Y)
 - Chris Herren (Y)
 - Paul Troxel (Y)
 - Jaime Young (No Vote)
 - James W. Mele (Y)

VII. Mr. William Anderson, CA 9-1-1 Branch will present updates regarding active projects within the Cal OES' 9-1-1 Emergency Communications Branch

- Provided the SETNA Fund Tracking document
- Ms. Wong informed the Board an audit will be conducted on the SETNA
- Provided Public Safety Answering Points accepting wireless call document and description
- Cal OES recommended the SETNA rate set .0075 percent
- Cal OES recommended the Pre-Paid phone rate be set to .0075 percent
- Mr. Anderson provided information regarding Text to 9-1-1 and informed the Board transfer issues previously identified have been resolved
- 19 PSAPs planning to go live in December 2015, 15 PSAPs in San Bernardino / 4 in Riverside are operational
- Text feature is now active with Verizon, AT&T, Sprint, and T-Mobile
- Butte, Santa Cruz, Monterey, San Benito and San Joaquin are preparing for Text to 9-1-1
- LR Kimball is working with the CA 9-1-1 Branch to develop a transition to Next Generation 9-1-1 (NG 9-1-1) plan.
- LR Kimball in conjunction with the CA 9-1-1 Branch will establish an overall project plan, create a review of California's readiness to move to a NG 9-1-1 system, develop a framework for Governance Model, and work on a basic frame work for funding
- Current NG 9-1-1 Pilot Projects consist of the Pasadena Regional Integrated Next Generation (RING), Mendocino and Ventura County pilot projects
- Ms. Wong Informed the Board that a letter will go out to the wireless carriers regarding wireless transfers
- The CA 9-1-1 Branch will provide an update to the Board at the next meeting regarding the response from the carriers regarding wireless transfers

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VIII. Mr. Charles Cullen will present updates regarding active projects within the Long Range Planning Committee (LRPC).

- Mr. Cullen discussed the proposed draft letter to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC)
- Ms. Wong acknowledged the letter, and informed the LRPC the letter will be sent to Mr. Ghilarducci. The Board members will be notified when the letter is submitted to the FCC
- The LRPC reviewed information regarding PSAP consolidation and NG 9-1-1
- Mr. Cullen talked to the Board regarding the Scope of Work prepared by the LRPC and Working Group and the features that would be needed in PSAPs now and in a NG 9-1-1 system
- As per the Board's request, Mr. Anderson is working with the current vendor to incorporate features from the Scope of Work into the current system and will provide status updates to the LRPC before the next State 9-1-1 Advisory Board meeting

IX. Ms. Tracey Kesler provided updates regarding active projects within the County Coordinator Task Force (CCTF)

- Ms. Kesler updated the Board regarding the Mentorship Program
- Training will continue to be provided via WebEx and in person
- The CCTF is working on creating an Educational and Information Paper for Sheriffs and Police Chiefs

X. Ms. Sue Plantz presented updates regarding the First Responder Network (FirstNet)

- The FirstNet request for proposal expected 12/31/15
- Offers and proposals are due May 2016
- CalFRN Board Meeting – December 2, 2015
- FirstNet State Agency Town Hall meeting - December 8, 2015
- Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS) meeting with the State of Oregon November 13, 2015

XI. Agenda Items for Future Meetings

- None

XII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Mr. Duxler informed the Board that the Emergency Call Tracking System (ECaTS) contract provides the State 160 hours a month, a full time developmental resource for the customization of ECaTS.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT



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CALOES 9-1-1 WIRELESS TRANSFER ROUTING ANALYSIS SUMMARY

Primary PSAP's	Approximate Number of Cell Sectors	Sectors Meeting Initial Criteria for Additional Review	Sectors Recommended for Reroute	Sectors Approved for Reroute	Sectors Approved Percentage
400**	300,000	63,732	4,348	4,062	6.37%* 1.35%*

Data current as of 01-06-2016

*6.37% Reroute percentage is based on the number of cellular sectors meeting the initial criteria for additional review.
 1.35% reroute percentage is based on the approximate total sectors in the state.

** Only primary PSAPs are evaluated as secondary PSAPs, such as fire and emergency medical response, do not take initial wireless 9-1-1 calls.

Thirty-nine counties and CHP submitted reports that include requests to reroute cellular sectors to a different agency. Nineteen counties submitted reports with no requests for reroute.

FUNDING

“New” Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) Funding Policy

To be recognized as a newly funded PSAP and receive CA 9-1-1 Branch funding as a “new” PSAP, an agency must meet the funding criteria detailed below. Upon approval by the CA 9-1-1 Branch, start-up funding will be provided as defined below and as outlined throughout this chapter. (Note: The CA 9-1-1 Branch encourages public agencies to consider PSAP consolidation, when appropriate, to most effectively use PSAP and CA 9-1-1 Branch resources.)

Funding Criteria

The requesting agency must meet the following Funding Criteria.

1. Be a public agency as defined in Government Code Section 53101: *“Public agency as used in this article, means the State, and any city, county, city and county, municipal corporation, public district, or public authority located in whole or in part within this State which provides or has authority to provide firefighting, police, ambulance, medical, or other emergency services”.*
2. Submit a letter on agency letterhead to the CA 9-1-1 Branch with the following:
 - a. description of the current 9-1-1 call processing procedures for the agency’s jurisdiction;
 - b. confirmation that the requesting agency will be staffed with 9-1-1 call-taker(s) and commit to answer 9-1-1 calls 24 hours per day, every day of the year, for a minimum of five (5) years;
 - c. documentation, such as emergency incident reports, to support an anticipated call volume of 300 or more 9-1-1 calls per month and proposed benefits of funding (by the CA 9-1-1 Branch) to improve emergency response to 9-1-1 callers in their jurisdiction and,
 - d. commitment that the PSAP (when requesting agency is law enforcement) will support the redistribution of wireless 9-1-1 calls from the California Highway Patrol (CHP) to the requesting agency’s PSAP by agreeing to accept wireless calls directly as a primary PSAP. (Fire and emergency medical response agencies receive wireless 9-1-1 calls via transfer as secondary PSAPs.)
3. Complete an EMERGENCY NUMBER SYSTEM PLAN/AGREEMENT (TDe-280, Rev. 2/08) form (provided to PSAP by the CA 9-1-1 Branch) with signatures from participating PSAPs that agree to send/receive 9-1-1 calls to/from the requesting agency; and, signatures of the Sheriff, or Police Chief, or Fire Chief, and Finance Officer to acknowledge financial penalties that will be imposed to the PSAP by the CA 9-1-1 Branch if the 5-year commitment is not met.
 - a. Subsequent to a detailed review of the documentation requested in Funding Criteria 1 and 2 above, the TDe-280 form will be initiated by the CA 9-1-1 Branch consultant who will insert projected “start-up” costs under “CA 9-1-1 Branch 5-Year Funding Plan Costs”.
 - b. The TDe-280 with “startup” costs provided will then be sent to the requesting agency as “pending approval” until the form is completed by the PSAP and returned to the CA 9-1-1 Branch for final approval and a funding commitment.

Approved “Start-Up” Funding

Initial CA 9-1-1 Branch “startup” funding for an approved “new” PSAP will be based on an evaluation of the requesting agency’s documented projected 9-1-1 call volume. Approved “new” PSAPs with an estimated 9-1-1 monthly call volume of 800 or less will be funded as a 2-position “Standard 9-1-1 System” as defined in this chapter and Glossary, based on the selected vendor’s contracted price quote, and the associated tariffed network facilities (9-1-1 lines/trunks, Automatic Number Identification (ANI)/Automatic Location Identification (ALI), and alternate answer circuits).

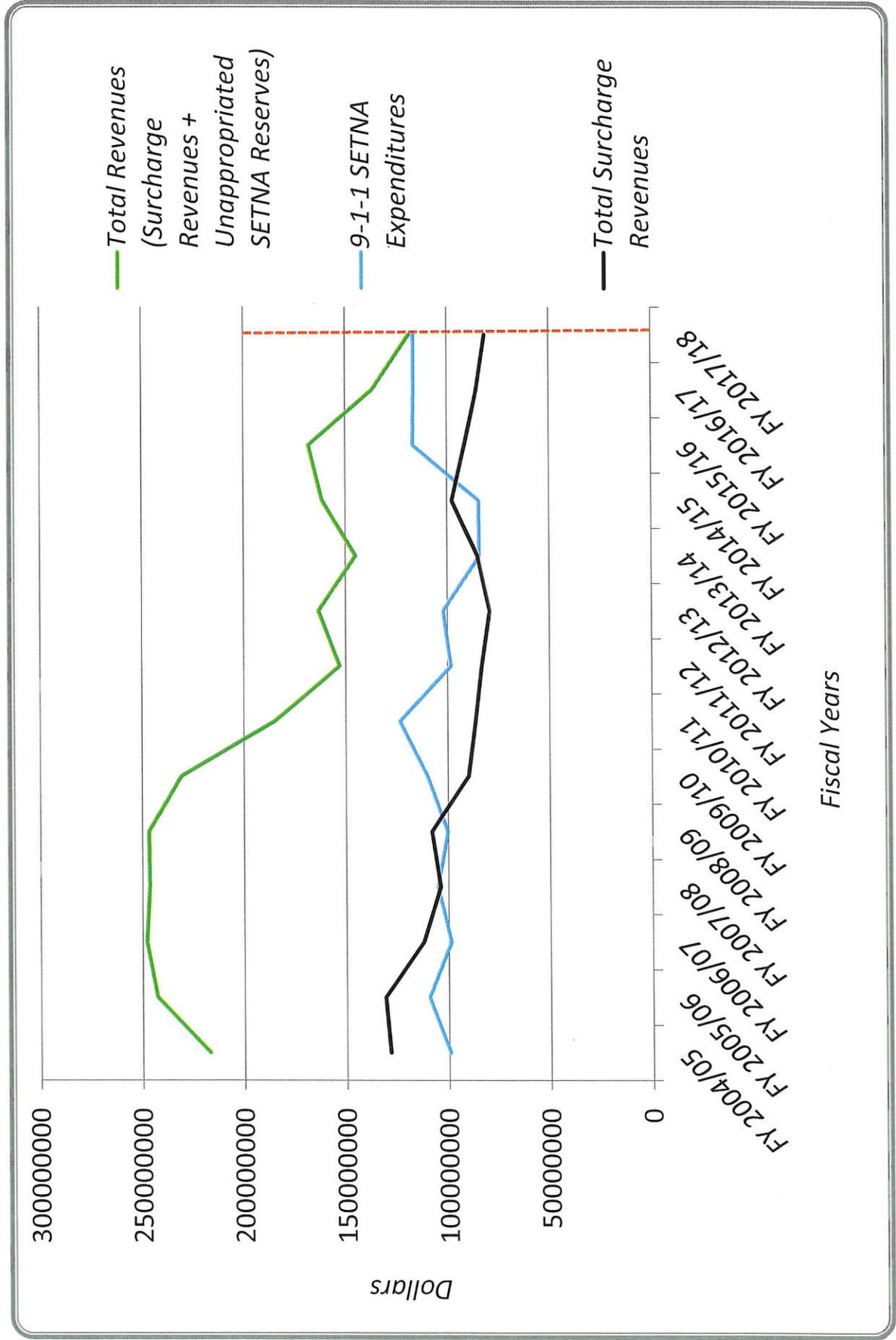
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FUND CONDITION STATEMENTS

	2014-15*	2015-16*	2016-17*
0022 State Emergency Telephone Number Account ^s			
BEGINNING BALANCE	\$60,629	\$76,773	\$51,190
Prior Year Adjustments	3,281	-	-
Adjusted Beginning Balance	\$63,910	\$76,773	\$51,190
REVENUES, TRANSFERS, AND OTHER ADJUSTMENTS			
Revenues:			
4140500 Emergency Telephone User's Surcharge	97,664	91,471	85,670
Total Revenues, Transfers, and Other Adjustments	\$97,664	\$91,471	\$85,670
Total Resources	\$161,574	\$168,244	\$136,860
EXPENDITURE AND EXPENDITURE ADJUSTMENTS			
Expenditures:			
0690 Office of Emergency Services (State Operations)	2,211	2,586	2,492
0690 Office of Emergency Services (Local Assistance)	77,140	108,619	108,619
0860 State Board of Equalization (State Operations)	1,231	1,783	1,790
3540 Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (State Operations)	4,212	4,051	3,815
8880 Financial Information System for California (State Operations)	7	15	12
Total Expenditures and Expenditure Adjustments	\$84,801	\$117,054	\$116,728
FUND BALANCE	\$76,773	\$51,190	\$20,132
Reserve for economic uncertainties	76,773	51,190	20,132

State Emergency Telephone Number Account (SETNA)

Revenues and Expenditures





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**Wireless 9-1-1 Deployment Status
January 21, 2016**

The following agencies ***are not*** accepting wireless 9-1-1 calls:

- 1) Atherton Police Department - ***officially withdrew original Letter of Agency letter***
- 2) California State Poly Pomona Police Department

The following agencies submitted a Letter of Agency but have only very restrictively deployed.

- 1) Oakland Police Department - **1 Sector of a potential 165 Sectors, expected completion 2019.**

The following agencies since the November State 9-1-1 Advisory Board meeting have submitted a Letter of Agency to accept wireless 9-1-1 calls:

- 1) East Bay Regional Park District
- 2) Fresno State Police Department (CSU Fresno)
- 3) San Ramon Valley 9-1-1 (San Ramon Police Department and San Ramon Valley Fire)
- 4) Fort Hunter Liggett Fire Department
- 5) California State University San Jose Police Department

KEY ELEMENTS TO CONSIDER WHEN PLANNING A CONSOLIDATION

Consolidation can include the concept of shared solutions, shared services, or "true" consolidation (full, partial, co-locations, or hybrid). Consolidation can be the combining of two or more PSAPs into a single facility, virtual consolidation (i.e., technology), and for an organization.

This represents "Standard for Performance" criteria (not a specification) for an emergency call taking and processing system when considering any form of consolidation or contract-for-service. Though not mandatory, minimum considerations should include a non-proprietary system/model capable of the following:

- No degradation of service/multiple redundancy options
- Accepts wireless E9-1-1 calls
- Accepts NG9-1-1 technology as it is developed
- Provides a model for governance
- Service level improvements - This is the single most important reason to consider consolidation
- Reduction or elimination of the transfer of 9-1-1 calls between PSAPs improved response times and lowers the potential for human or technology errors
- Quicker call processing and dispatch times, resulting in faster on-scene times for field personnel
- Sharing of physical space or technological solutions enables communications between call takers, law enforcement, fire and EMS dispatchers to be virtually instantaneous (This can also be accomplished with technology and a CAD-to-CAD connection)
- Utilize a call taker/dispatcher organizational structure to enable the call takers to focus solely on the incoming call and obtain the best information possible
- Standardized training of all PSAP employees increases regional consistency
- A single regional PSAP allows resource management during major incidents from a single point of control rather than fragmenting control among multiple PSAPs
- Geographically diverse regional PSAPs and/or Secondary PSAPs allow resource management through technology; i.e., sharing an E9-1-1 VoIP phone system, CAD system or CAD-to-CAD connection for situational awareness in multiple centers, and a shared radio system
- A consolidated environment will offer the opportunity for smaller participants to benefit from state-of-the-art technology, improved training, and expanded career opportunities that would not be otherwise financially or organizationally feasible
- Cost savings
- Incident management, notifications and the dissemination of information to field personnel and all levels of government response are significantly improved
- The centralized tracking of available resources regionally provides for improved resource management

County Coordinator Fact Sheet

Job Description:

Each County in California, regardless of population or geographical size, should assign an individual that serves as the 9-1-1 County Coordinator. The primary role of the County Coordinator is to ensure accurate 9-1-1 call routing regardless of the telecommunications technology used to seek emergency services. This individual serves as the point of contact for 9-1-1 related issues in their respective county and, while conducting their duties, may interact with PSAPs, Database Providers (for landline, wireless and VoIP), other County Coordinators and the California 9-1-1 Branch. Responsibilities may include but are not limited to:

- MSAG (Master Street Address Guide) and ESN (Emergency Service Number) maintenance
- Wireless deployment, maintenance routing and coordinating wireless drive testing
- Misroutes and ALI Discrepancies
- Maintain shape files
- Organize and chair quarterly PSAP Manager meetings
- Maintain up-to-date PSAP Manager contact information
- Distribute 9-1-1 related information to PSAPs

The time required to perform County Coordinator duties vary from day to day, month to month and county to county. It is essential that the County Coordinator be permitted sufficient time to complete their County Coordinator duties. This time may also include attending annual training sessions, webinars, County Coordinator Forums and monthly County Coordinator conference calls. Collectively, these activities contribute to a well-trained Coordinator and the ability to better perform all duties.

9-1-1 County Coordinator Reimbursement:

The California 9-1-1 Branch recognizes the importance of the County Coordinator position and reimburses for all pre-identified activities performed by the County Coordinator, as outlined in Chapter 8 of the California 9-1-1 Branch Operations Manual. The reimbursement is managed via a TD290 reimbursement claim process. County Coordinator duties are categorized on the TD290 form which, along with any required receipts or documentation, is submitted to the California 9-1-1 Branch typically on a monthly or quarterly basis.

9-1-1 County Coordinator Qualifications:

The majority of County Coordinators are county employees, and any qualifications for the position would have to be established by that county. As previously noted, the qualified time spent on the County Coordinator duties is reimbursable by the California 9-1-1 Branch via the SETNA Fund. However, the CA 9-1-1 Branch does not select the person for each county filling the position of County Coordinator. For most counties, the County Coordinator job is not full time and is often considered "other duties as assigned". This results in existing County Coordinators ranging from secretaries to PSAP Managers. Due to staffing issues, some counties use contractors for the position.



FirstNet Issues RFP for the Nationwide Public Safety Broadband Network

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

January 13, 2016

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RESTON, VA – The First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet) today issued its [Request for Proposals \(RFP\)](#) for the deployment of the nationwide public safety broadband network, marking a major step forward in FirstNet's efforts to modernize communications for first responders and other public safety personnel across the U.S.

"We have developed this RFP in an open forum to create a 'first of its kind' public-private partnership for the network," said FirstNet Chief Executive Officer Mike Poth. "As we move into the next phase of the process, we look forward to receiving competitive offerings to deliver the best possible network for public safety."

The release of the RFP follows more than a year of dialogue with public safety and industry on the objectives and scope of the RFP for the FirstNet network. The build-up to the release has included 13 Requests for Information, a set of draft RFP documents, two Industry Day public events, answers to more than 650 questions related to network specifications, and meetings with interested vendors.

FirstNet has also conducted a comprehensive consultation and outreach program to engage with the states, territories, federal agencies, tribal governments, and the Public Safety Advisory Committee (PSAC) in the RFP development process.

"This is an opportunity to revolutionize how first responders do their job, and we appreciate the

valuable public safety feedback we have received to make this happen," said FirstNet President TJ Kennedy. "FirstNet is thrilled to issue an RFP that will promote innovation and deliver the best value to the public safety community."

With the release today, proposals to the RFP will be due April 29, 2016, with questions and capability statements due February 12 and March 17, respectively. FirstNet will review and consider all responses submitted and anticipates making an award in the fourth quarter of 2016.

Also today, FirstNet announced that it will conduct a public webinar on Friday, January 15 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. EST to review key RFP elements with interested parties, including states, tribes, territories, public safety stakeholders, and market participants. The webinar will be available on [FirstNet's website](#), with a link to the event webpage from the FirstNet's homepage.

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About FirstNet

FirstNet has been obligated by Congress to take all actions necessary to ensure the building, deployment, and operation of the nationwide public safety broadband network for local, state, regional, tribal, and federal first responders and other public safety personnel. FirstNet is an independent authority established by Congress in 2012 that is governed by a 15-member Board that consists of the Secretary of Homeland Security, the Attorney General of the United States, the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, and 12 members appointed by the Secretary of Commerce composed of representatives from public safety, government, and the wireless industry.
(www.firstnet.gov)

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