

KENSINGTON POLICE PROTECTION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

January 23, 2020

KPPCSD: REQUIRED EBRCSA PATROL RADIO UPDATE

BACKGROUND

The East Bay Regional Communications System Authority (EBRCSA) was formed in 2007 with the ultimate goal of having a robust communications system for all the public safety agencies in Alameda and Contra Costa Counties that allows for interoperability between agencies in times of emergencies. The Kensington Police Department participates in the EBRCSA and utilizes police radios that communicate on the EBRCSA system.

DISCUSSION

The EBRCSA has been in the process of updating the radios to a newer technology that will facilitate a higher number of simultaneous conversations during emergency events. The system update is a requirement for participating agencies. The EBRCSA system will start using this newer technology on July 1, 2020. Any radio that hasn't been upgraded at that time will cease to work on the EBRCSA system; meaning KPD would not be able to communicate with Dispatch and as such would not be able to provide effective police services. The cost to facilitate this update is \$5100.74 through Motorola.

RECOMMENDATION

Take public comment and decide by roll call vote if the Board wishes to approve the purchase agreement as presented.

If the Board approves, the motion should authorize the Interim Police Chief to execute the purchase agreement with Motorola subject to the review and approval of the General Counsel.

ATTACHMENTS

Purchase agreement with Motorola

SUBMITTED BY: Steve Simpkins, Interim Chief of Police