

Date action is requested: 4/26/2017

Title: Motion 2017-15 to authorize executive director to enter into a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the City of Tacoma for Radio System Access Fees for 2017 in an amount not to exceed \$413,702.

Attachments: Tacoma MOU, Interim Plan for Public Safety Radio System Access Fee Charges 2017-19, redlined CCN MOU

Type of action: Motion

SUBMITTED BY: Andrew E. Neiditz, Executive Director

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the Policy Board approve execution of the MOU.

BACKGROUND: At the joint board retreat on July 27, 2016, both the Policy Board and Operations Board passed motions of support for the interim plan for the public safety radio system access fee charges. The “10-point plan” outlined conditions to be implemented via an MOU with the radio system owners. (See attachment for full plan.) The City of Tacoma agreed in full to all provisions of the interim plan and presented the MOU to its City Council Government Performance and Finance Committee on April 5, 2017 which resulted in a do pass recommendation to the City Council at a meeting in the near future.

It was the intent of South Sound 911 to enter into a similar agreement with the Combined Communications Network (CCN) based on the CCN Chair’s stated commitment at the joint board retreat.

The CCN did approve a MOU at its last meeting on April 12, 2017. However, the MOU was revised without input from South Sound 911 and removed all the significant provisions required by the 10-point plan. (See attached redlined CCN MOU.) Staff is currently evaluating how to move forward on the radio fee cost sharing with the CCN.

ALTERNATIVES: Reconsider cost-sharing arrangements.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: Financial Impact: \$413,702; 2017 Budget included \$1,000,000 from Fund Balance to contribute to Radio Systems per the 10-Point Plan. \$440,000 is allocated for the 800 MHz System and \$560,000 has been allocated for the 700 MHz System based on budgetary need.

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