

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**



**FROM:** Supervisor John Tavaglione and  
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**SUBMITTAL DATE:** March 25, 2014

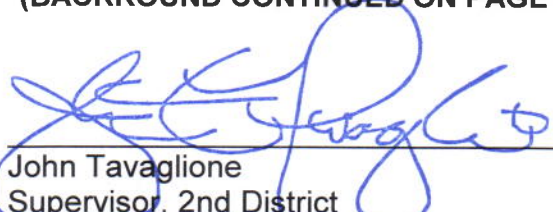
**SUBJECT:** Outside Agency Participation in Public Safety Communications System (PSEC)


**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of Supervisors direct RCIT to:

1. Develop a web portal to allow outside agencies to easily access information that will help them make an informed decision regarding buying into PSEC;
2. Develop a presentation and associated materials to communicate to outside agencies the benefits of participating in PSEC;
3. Communicate to outside agencies the Board's desire to charge customers no more than the true and actual cost of buying into PSEC ;
4. Deliver said presentation to outside agencies, including JPAs and agencies at the city, state and federal levels.

**BACKGROUND:** As our region continues to grow, more and more incidents which require joint operations between neighboring and regional law-enforcement agencies occur. It is critical that communications between in-field law enforcement officers be as seamless as possible. Seconds and minutes in critical incidents such as officer involved shootings, pursuits (often-times crossing through multiple jurisdictions) and major disasters, can mean the difference in saving the life of a law enforcement officer and/or citizen.

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Riverside County has spent the past 10 years investing millions of dollars in a state-of-the-art system designed to provide radio and data communications for the Sheriff's Department, their 14 contract law-enforcement agencies and Riverside County/Cal Fire.

According to the Riverside County Sheriff's Department, Riverside County Fire/CalFire, and RCIT, the new PSEC System is performing very well. The San Jacinto Community College Police Department is the first outside agency to join into the system and the County has had ongoing discussions with the two largest Riverside County cities, Riverside and Corona.

Considering the county's substantial investment in this system, it is important to encourage as many agencies as possible to join PSEC because increasing the number of users will create multiple benefits, the most important of which is seamless communications across multiple agencies and superior service and safety for the residents of Riverside County. More users will also lower rates to all participating agencies.

The motions in this Form 11 are intended to help encourage outside agencies to participate in PSEC by directing RCIT to 1) educate decision makers about the benefits of joining PSEC and 2) removing all barriers possible that would impede an agency from joining PSEC.

This means that the county must do a better job sharing information about this state-of-the-art system. The first step in doing this is creating an easily accessible webpage that contains as much information about PSEC as possible, including board approved rates and a contact person agencies can follow up with directly.