

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

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**FROM:** Riverside County Information Technology

**SUBMITTAL DATE:**  
June 10, 2015

**SUBJECT:** Update on Public Safety Enterprise Communication (PSEC) Rates and Negotiation Discussions. All Districts [\$0]

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of Supervisors receive and file this update on FY 15/16 PSEC rates and negotiation discussions.

**BACKGROUND:**

**Summary**

The Public Safety Enterprise Communications (PSEC) digital radio system became operational in October 2013, so lacking historical budget information, the department will maintain PSEC's Board approved FY 14/15 service rates for FY 15/16, during which time a thorough budget review and analysis of the first full year of operation will be conducted.

The current PSEC rate structure is composed of 71 rates, based on a complex calculation involving numbers of cell towers and talk groups used. The primary system users, the Sheriff's Department and County Fire, fund the majority of operational costs, using the rate for the maximum talk groups and cell

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Steve Reneker  
Chief Information Officer

FINANCIAL DATA	Current Fiscal Year:	Next Fiscal Year:	Total Cost:	Ongoing Cost:	POLICY/CONSENT (per Exec. Office)
COST	\$ N/A	\$ N/A	\$ N/A	\$ N/A	Consent <input type="checkbox"/> Policy <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
NET COUNTY COST	\$	\$	\$	\$	

<b>SOURCE OF FUNDS:</b>	<b>Budget Adjustment:</b>
	For Fiscal Year: FY 2015/16

**C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:** APPROVE  
BY:   
County Executive Office Signature Jennifer L. Sargent

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Departmental Concurrence

- A-30
- Positions Added
- 4/5 Vote
- Change Order

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FORM 11: Public Safety Enterprise Communication (PSEC) Rates and Negotiation Discussions.**

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**BACKGROUND:**

**Summary (continued)**

towers, despite daily use by deputies and firefighters limited to those required for their assigned territory, except during emergencies/instances of mutual aid. In addition, given the closed nature of the PSEC budget, with costs limited to the support, maintenance and operation of the PSEC system, and the infrastructure having been previously funded by the County, distributing annual operational costs of the system equitably in the form of a flat rate seems to make the most sense. For FY 16/17, this type of rate structure will be evaluated.

It has been the vision of the Board of Supervisors to bring all the cities in the county onto the PSEC system to achieve full interoperability between cities' and the county's public safety groups. Approximately one year ago, negotiation discussions were initiated with four cities expressing interest in joining the PSEC system, those cities were: Riverside, Corona, Murrieta and Banning. General agreement was reached for these cities on the following key points, including, but not limited to:

- Ten year agreements, if desired, including a rate holiday for the first four years to enable the jurisdiction to pay for significant capital expenses required to join the PSEC system;
- A termination clause with one full fiscal year advance notice provided by the jurisdiction;
- Following the four year rate holiday, the user rate will start at \$32 per radio, per month, with a 3 percent increase in years two through five, and a 6 percent increase in years six through ten, with the top rate in year ten at \$48.20.

**Impact on Residents and Businesses:**

PSEC enables a regional radio system offering significant financial savings by avoiding build-out of separate radio infrastructure by member cities/agencies. In addition, it will provide improved radio interoperability. Because the system is digital, indoor coverage is improved and eavesdropping by external parties is reduced. Coverage in rural locations is improved, resulting in better service to residents and businesses in those areas.