

**Joint Meeting of the
Public Safety Radio Strategic Planning Committee (PSRSPC)
California Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee (CALSIEC)
*Draft (until approved by members) Draft***

Thursday, November 15, 2007

10:00 to 4:00 p.m.

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Meeting Purpose: to obtain stakeholder input on the final CalSCIP & 2008 PSRSPC Report to the Legislature drafts.

Desired Outcomes: 1) enhance statewide communications interoperability planning collaboration between CalSIEC and PSRSPC; 2) clarity on California's statewide interoperability current state, future state, and strategic initiatives; 3) stakeholder consensus on the final CalSCIP draft to be provided to DHS; 4) shared understanding of the 2008 draft Report to the Legislature.

I. Executive Greeting

Chief Deputy Director Frank McCarton, on behalf of CA-OES Director Henry Renteria, welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for attending. Mr. McCarton expressed his appreciation for all the hard work that has gone into the California Statewide Communications Interoperability Plan (CalSCIP) and the 2008 PSRSPC Report to the Legislature. He introduced Sam Williams, CA-OES' new interoperability coordinator. Mr. Williams has 34 years experience in the US Army as a retired Colonel, and has Director Renteria's full faith and support.

John Powell, Chair of the California Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee (CalSIEC), thanked everyone for their participation in the CalSCIP process. A lot of great input has been received on the draft of the CalSCIP but there is still a lot of work to do.

Meeting Facilitator Tony Macri, SRA Touchstone Consulting Group, reviewed the agenda, ground rules, and meeting principles for the meeting.

II. Southern California Wildfires Success Stories and Lessons Learned

California has set the gold standard for emergency response with the recent fires in Southern California. During the 2003 Southern California fires one of the biggest problems was resource allocation. A limited amount of spectrum (i.e. radio frequency) coupled with radio interference problems helped contribute to some of those problems. California has made a lot of progress in the last four years and this showed during the recent wildfires; the integration of State and local government was unprecedented.

The usage of military resources, however, needs to be improved. There were frequencies available to public safety first responders that could not be used because of old radio equipment that was not compatible; this underscores the need to bring all equipment up to date.

Those who would like to share stories from the 2007 wildfires should email them to George Lowry, CA-OES (george.lowry@oes.ca.gov).

III. Notional Understanding of CalSCIP Strategic Planning Process and Statewide Interoperability Planning

Meeting Facilitator Tony Macri reviewed the strategic planning process guidelines that would be used during the meeting for both the CalSCIP and 2008 PSRSPC Report to the Legislature. He reminded the group that they were working toward consensus: the best understanding that the members can come to, based on what is on the table. Consensus meant that members could live with the outcome and that they felt their voice was heard. The CalSCIP is a living document; current proposed strategic initiatives take the CalSCIP planning process only through the next two years. Mr. Macri also encouraged the attendees to concentrate on representing the interests of all the citizens of California.

IV. Current State

Mr. Macri reviewed the process, timeline, and methodology that lead to where the CalSCIP is today. A baseline assessment was conducted to determine where each State fell on SAFECOM's Interoperability Continuum. California is at various levels in each of the five categories of the Interoperability Continuum (Governance, Standard Operating Procedures, Technology, Training & Exercises, and Usage).

Regional governance is not quite a clear picture at the moment. CA-OES' six Mutual Aid Regions along with the four CalSIEC Planning Areas do not represent the same areas of land in California. This makes it difficult to plan for interoperability between State and local governments. This regional structure has not been solidified and will continue to be a challenge as the CalSCIP process moves into 2008. In addition, the "System of Systems" (SoS) concept is currently being worked on by SAFECOM in order to provide a more cogent definition to States struggling to develop such a system.

The group reviewed and approved the CalSCIP Graphical Storyboard and the CalSCIP Narrative.

V. PSRSPC 2008 Report to the Legislature

Meeting Facilitator Sarah Rubin, California State University, Sacramento, Center for Collaborative Policy (CCP), introduced the CCP staff and turned it over to the PSRSPC executive members to introduce themselves and share challenges associated with their work.

The biggest challenges PSRSPC member agencies and departments identified in radio communications work are operability, interoperability, and obsolescence. Most agencies and departments currently struggle with being operable themselves, let alone interoperable with other agencies and departments. The PSRSPC has identified obsolescent and outdated equipment as being the primary barriers to achieving interoperability in the State of California. Without a fully functional, up-to-date radio

communications system, State agencies and departments cannot achieve interoperability—a theme highlighted extensively in this year’s 2008 Report to the Legislature.

Section Overview

PSRSPC executive members conducted a high level overview of each section of the draft report. Members were then given the opportunity to consult their colleagues sitting at the table in order to give feedback regarding specific sections of the report. The following is a summary of the feedback given by those groups:

Group 1:

- 911 Fund: it is a good write up, but it needs to be administrated. It will take a considerable amount of outreach and education.
- The legislature is going to want specifics about where money will be allocated. The CalSIEC and PSRSPC should advise where to spend the money.

Group 2:

- We need to include wireless, text messaging, and Voice Over IP to increase funds.
- Fund usage needs to be identified clearly for the legislature.
- Local government and organizational buy-in is very important to this process.

Group 3:

- The 911 funding concept is good whether or not it goes forward. However, local support is a must.

Group 4:

- Buy-in from local government is very important.
- Possible funding source: drug forfeiture money.
- Infrastructure: building permit charges have to be taken into account.

Group 5:

- There needs to be more specific plans from agencies and departments regarding how they will bolster plans for interoperability.
- It would be more beneficial if we had the Department of Finance on some of these committees.
- The current budget deficit should be factored into the risk assessment.

Group 6:

- Governance: who will be distributing these funds?
- It is important to articulate that the money generated from the 911 fund is not enough. It is merely a starting point toward \$6-8 billion.
- We need to be aware of the FCC 2013 mandates which will impose a \$10,000 fine on each illegal radio transmission.

Group 7:

- There is no mention of the people of the State of California. It needs to articulate who the plan will benefit.
- The cellular market should be tapped into.
- It is important to understand that 911 technology is not new; how long can it sustain funding?
- The public also needs to be involved in the process; who is going to take care of the system?

- 911 funding would be just one source of funding for critical operability.
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VI. CalSCIP Review

Tony Macri, SRA Touchstone Consulting Group, reviewed the Mission, Vision, Goals and Objectives of the CalSCIP, in addition to the 16 CalSCIP initiatives. The CalSIEC and PSRSPC were given the chance to provide feedback in any and all areas of the CalSCIP. SRA Touchstone, the document managers for the CalSCIP, recorded changes and suggestions made by the members onto the document itself.

VII. Update on CalSIEC Regional Activities & PSIC Applications

Northern Planning Area: The CalSIEC Northern Planning Area is currently in a strategic planning mode with current efforts focused toward PSIC Grant monies. It currently has several initiatives on the table that it is considering.

Bay Area SUASI: The PSIC Grant application is currently being put together for next week. This includes a plan to build out 700 MHz, mobile-type coverage infrastructure across six counties, which will be subdivided into three sub-regions: east bay, west bay, and south bay. The funding will therefore initially be split up three different ways.

Southern Planning Area: Kern County is now attending all central planning regions. The Southern Planning area was able to successfully fund projects with the \$9.5 million in excess PSIC monies. Now almost all counties in the Southern Planning Area will be in a position to utilize PSIC monies.

Central Planning Area: The Central Planning Area had a meeting about one month ago (after a long hiatus). The Central Planning Area is fortunate that the Mutual Aid Region overlays nicely with the planning area. It has developed a long-term strategy for the 7 counties.

VIII. Adjourn

The SRA/Touchstone and CCP teams thanked participants for their hard work and emphasized how proud everyone should be of the great accomplishments made over the last months with the SCIP and Report to the Legislature documents. Sue Plantz, OES, also thanked everyone for their time and dedication which as resulted in two very strong products.

A next meeting was not set. Members will receive an email in early 2008 as to future meeting dates.

Attendance

PSRSPC:

Tonya Hines—EMSA
Jane Jimenez—Placer Sherriff
Kevin Border—Placer Sherriff
Judith Christensen—OES
Sonny Fong—DWR
Jon Lopey—CHP
Manuel Bergado—DPR
Nancy Foley—DFG
Steve Lindley—DOJ
Robert Samaan—OHS
Cathi Stoffan—CDCR
Steve Takigawa—Caltrans
Gerry Warren—CNG
Angela Azevedo—CDCR
Mary Cook—DFG
Ken Chappelle—CDCR
Ken Ismail—DOJ-TSAI

CALSIEC:

Pat Carriveu—ICTAP
Phil Caporale—Fresno Sherriff's Dept.
Charles Fleshman—County of Sonoma
Michael Asplano—Monterey Police

Ken Mann—700 MHz RPC #5
Brent Finster—Contra Costa Co. Fire
Steve Carter—Modesto Police Department
Lucian Thomas—Modesto Police Department
Randy Bradley—Alameda Co. Fire Department
Don Casey—San Manuel Band of Miss. Indians
Pres Thomson—NAPCO
Steve Dupre—San Mateo County
Robert Stevens—Sacramento County Sherriff
Ken Eldridge—Sacramento County
Karen Avara—YCCESA
Randy Hagar—700 MHz RPC #6
Chad Hamme—Stanislaus County
Ken Alvis—Kern County
Dan Kellehen—Motorola
Jana Snowball—YCCESA
Tom Lawless—DSH/ICTAP
Robert Sedita—LA County Sherriff's Dept.
Tara Getty—CA Assembly
Weedy Hannibal—Butte County Manager
Glen Savage—CAL FIRE
Bill DeCamp—DGS

Mitch Sutton—City of San Francisco
Charles Schuler—Folsom Police Dept.
Charlie Simpson—CA OES Law Enforcement

Public

Jeff Grace—Motorola
Tom Noonan—The Sales Group

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Tyler Block

Documents and Materials Provided:

- Agenda
- DRAFT 2008 PSRSPC Report to the California State Legislature
- CalSCIP Governance Initiatives
- CalSCIP Graphics Packet
- CalSCIP Review Guidance
- National Interoperability Information Exchange (NIIX) Handout