

**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
TUESDAY, AUGUST 26, 2025**

MINUTE ORDER NO. 13

**SUBJECT: GENERAL SERVICES - APPROVE LICENSE AMENDMENT FOR THE
SHERIFF'S OFFICE BLACK MOUNTAIN REGIONAL COMMUNICATIONS
SYSTEM SITE AND NOTICE OF EXEMPTION (DISTRICT: 3)**

OVERVIEW

The San Diego County-Imperial County Regional Communications System (RCS), managed and operated by the San Diego County Sheriff's Office (Sheriff) Wireless Services Division, provides numerous public safety agencies with 24-hour public safety 9-1-1 services and emergency responder communication. A high degree of coverage throughout both Counties is provided through the RCS network of communications sites.

One such Sheriff's Office RCS communications site, Black Mountain, located in the City of San Diego, has been operated by the County of San Diego (County) since December 9, 1996. The current license agreement expires on October 31, 2027. An amendment to the current license agreement for this site is needed to allow the County to construct a Next Generation Regional Communications System radio tower ("Radio Tower") on the licensed site and to extend the term of the license agreement. The Radio Tower will be built pursuant to an option to County Contract No. 553982 with Motorola Solutions, Inc., which the Board authorized County to exercise on November 17, 2020 (04).

Staff from the Department of General Services have negotiated a third amendment to the license agreement for the Black Mountain site. The proposed amendment with AT&T grants the County the right to build the Radio Tower, extends the term of the license for an additional 10 years, and includes two automatic 10-year options to further extend the term. Today's request is for the County Board of Supervisors to approve the license amendment to construct a Radio Tower on the Black Mountain site and extend the license agreement for another 10 years.

RECOMMENDATIONS

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

1. Find the proposed license amendment for the Black Mountain Regional Communications System site is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Sections 15301 and 15303.
2. Approve and authorize the Director, Department of General Services, to execute the proposed third amendment to a license agreement with AT&T for a Regional Communications Site located at Black Mountain, San Diego, California.

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT

The Sheriff's Office Wireless Services Division operates and maintains all public safety wireless communications systems used by the County of San Diego, including mobile and portable radios. The division also manages the San Diego County-Imperial County Regional Communications System (RCS) radio network that serves most law enforcement, fire, and public service, including transportation and school users in this region. It is anticipated that the proposed amendment for the RCS

site will have a positive impact on the community by ensuring equitable access to public safety services across the region.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT

Implementing effective sustainability objectives is crucial to ensuring safe and healthy communities and contributing to the overall success of the region. The approval of this amendment supports the County's Strategic Initiative of Sustainability to ensure the capability to respond to the immediate needs for individuals, families, and the region.

FISCAL IMPACT

Funds for this request are partially included in the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Operational Plan for the Sheriff's Office. If approved, this request will result in current fiscal year annual rent costs of approximately \$51,092. Fiscal Year 2026-27 rent costs are estimated at \$52,625 and include an annual 3% increase to rent for a radio tower and equipment storage at the Black Mountain site. Funds for the remaining license term and each option year, if exercised, will be included in future years' operational plans for the Sheriff's Office. The funding source is revenue from Network Operating Cost fees collected from public safety agencies participating in the Regional Communications System. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

N/A

ACTION:

ON MOTION of Supervisor Anderson, seconded by Supervisor Aguirre, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended, on Consent.

AYES: Aguirre, Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Montgomery Steppe, Desmond

State of California)
County of San Diego) §

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of the Original entered in the Minutes of the Board of Supervisors.

ANDREW POTTER
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors



Signed
by Andrew Potter

