



County of Santa Cruz Board of Supervisors

Agenda Item Submittal

From: Information Services Dept.

Subject: Defer contract award for the Next Generation P25 Countywide Radio System

Meeting Date: May 20, 2025

Formal Title: Defer to on or before September 30, 2025, the contract award for the Next Generation P25 Countywide Radio System Request for Proposal

Recommended Actions

Defer to on or before September 30, 2025, the contract award for the Next Generation P25 Countywide Radio System Request for Proposal (RFP).

Executive Summary

On May 20, 2025, the Board of Supervisors was scheduled to consider the contract award for the Next Generation P25 Countywide Radio System. However, contract negotiations with the selected vendor are still ongoing. Staff is targeting the August 19, 2025, Board meeting for the contract approval. In the event that additional issues arise during the final stages of negotiation, staff recommends setting a deferral/report-back date of September 30, 2025, to allow sufficient time for any necessary adjustments and preparation of the final contract for Board approval.

Discussion

The Request for Proposal (RFP) for the Next Generation P25 Countywide Radio System was issued to modernize the County's public safety communication infrastructure. A Technical Advisory Group completed its review of proposals, and a vendor was selected. While the award was initially targeted for May 2025, contract negotiations have required more time than anticipated due to the complexity of the agreement. Staff is now targeting the August 19, 2025, Board meeting to bring forward the final contract for approval. However, in the event that negotiations extend beyond the targeted timeline, staff has recommended a deferral date of September 30, 2025, with the finalized agreement.

Financial Impact

There is no financial impact associated with this deferral.

Strategic Initiatives

Equity Framework - County Facilities & Infrastructure
Operational Plan - Operational Excellence

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