

MARIN GENERAL SERVICES AUTHORITY

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 14, 2006
TO: MGSA Board of Directors
FROM: Martin J. Nichols, Executive Officer
SUBJECT: AGENDA ITEM G: APPROVE MARINMAP TRANSITION PLAN

Recommended Action: Authorize the Executive Officer to request MarinMap member agencies to proceed to transition the MarinMap program to the Marin General Services Authority (MGSA) to operate under the terms of the MGSA joint powers agreement.

Background:

MarinMap is a consortium of public agencies that have joined together to build and operate a Geographic Information System (GIS) for their day-to-day operations.

MarinMap members are as follows:

City of Belvedere	City of Sausalito
Town of Corte Madera	Town of Tiburon
Town of Fairfax	County of Marin
City of Larkspur	Local Agency Formation Commission
City of Mill Valley	Marin Municipal Water District
Town of Ross	Novato Sanitary District
Town of San Anselmo	Tamalpais CSD
City of San Rafael	City of Novato (<i>not adopted JEPA, but does pay dues</i>)

MarinMap is currently governed by the Marin Telecommunications Agency and operates under a Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement. It is not a separate joint powers agency.

The MarinMap Steering Committee (representatives from each member agency) makes recommendations on the program.

At your Board's January 12, 2006 meeting, you agreed to assume management of this program. The Marin General Services Authority's JPA contemplated this transfer.

In meeting with your Board's subcommittee on administering this new program, the Committee (Directors McIntyre and Keen) recommended operating MarinMap as a "special program" under the provisions of the MGSA's joint powers agreement without recreating the existing MarinMap JEPAs.

Under this concept, we would avoid the administrative costs of drafting a new MarinMap agreement and negotiating its terms with agency members. It also would not require member agencies to take a new, but replacement, agreement to their councils and Boards with the associated confusion. The program details of this current JEPAs would be eliminated which may be of concern to some (mainly because of the data sale and maintenance provisions, which to date has been a non-issue). The MarinMap Steering Committee has endorsed the new concept.

There would still need to be agreements with the non-MGSA MarinMap members (LAFCO, MMWD, Tamalpais CSD and the Novato Sanitary District).

Your Board could adopt MarinMap operating principles to address any operational policy issues should they arise. The program would be financed as a "special budget" under the MGSA's JPA and funded through user fees, as is the current policy.

If you Board approves this management concept, each MGSA member agency would be asked to adopt the attached JEPAs termination agreement and consent to the program being transferred to the MGSA. Non-MGSA members would be asked to adopt the termination agreement and execute a new MarinMap operating agreement, whose principle purpose would be to legally obligate them to pay their share of costs.

cc: MarinMap Steering Committee