



**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER**

**Clerk of the Board of Supervisors**  
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**Agenda Number:**

**Submitted on:**  
(COB Stamp)

**Department Name:** General Services/  
Information Technology  
**Department No.:** 063/ 067  
**Agenda Date:** July 15, 2025  
**Placement:** Administrative Agenda  
**Estimated Time:** N/A  
**Continued Item:** No  
**If Yes, date from:** N/A  
**Vote Required:** Majority

**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Department Director(s): Kirk Lagerquist, Director  
Chris Chirgwin, Director, Information Technology  
Contact: John Green, Assistant Director  
**SUBJECT:** First Amendment to Construction Agreement for Public Safety Radio Network La Cumbre Communication Tower, County Project 22039

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*Kirk Lagerquist*  
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*Chris Chirgwin*  
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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Other Concurrence:**

As to form: Yes

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Recommended Actions:**

That the Board of Supervisors (Board):

- a) Ratify, approve and authorize the Chair of the Board of Supervisors to execute the attached First Amendment (Amendment) to Board Contract 23240 with GrayDS Inc. (Agreement) for the construction of the Public Safety Radio Network La Cumbre Communication Tower Project (Project) increasing the Contingency Amount from \$35,519.20 to \$117,161.87, for an amended aggregate Maximum Contract Amount not to exceed \$542,026.73, and extending the Term for an amended Term of a total of 722calendar days, expiring June 30, 2026; and
- b) Determine that the Project continues to be exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15302 of the State Guidelines for the Implementation of CEQA which consists of replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced; CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 which consists of the repair or minor alteration of existing facilities or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of existing use; and CEQA Guidelines Section 15304(b) which consists of minor alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation,

including the replacement of existing conventional landscaping with water efficient landscaping, which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees, and that a Notice of Exemption on these bases was approved by the Board on July 13, 2021 and filed.

**Summary Text:**

The recommended Board actions will approve the First Amendment to Board Contract 23240 for the construction of the PSRN La Cumbre Communication Tower, County Project 22039, increasing the aggregate Maximum Contract Amount from \$460,384.06 to \$542,026.73, and extending the Term of the Agreement until June 30, 2026.

The increased cost of \$81,642,67, which exceeds the available Contingency Amount, is for unforeseen electrical work required on the shelter for the communication equipment. Attachment B to this letter provides a breakdown of the associated costs.

**Background:**

The County of Santa Barbara has a diverse radio communications environment, with several different land and mobile radio systems deployed to meet specific operational needs of County departments, which rely on radio communications. These systems, which make up the County’s Public Safety Radio Network, are in different stages of their lifecycle, and each has varying technologies and capabilities. The County is replacing the PSRN, as it is at the end of its useful life. These individual communication sites are part of the greater PSRN project to improve the County’s overall communications system, which supports the operations of Fire, Sheriff, Public Health, Probation, Parks, General Services, Information Technology, District Attorney, and contracted cities.

The Board approved the greater Public Safety Radio Network upgrade project on July 13, 2021.

On January 9, 2024, the Board awarded the Agreement for the La Cumbre Communication Tower Project. The scope of work includes installation of a 60’ tower, new generator and propane tank, all labor and materials, structural and electrical stamped engineering drawings, and all civil work required to construct the communication tower.

The additional days are required for procurement of long lead equipment. The lead time on the Transient Voltage Surge Suppressor and disconnect are 8 to 10 weeks. The installation of this equipment will take two to three additional weeks to complete.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

This Project is funded with the Certificate of Participation (COP) Debt Proceeds in the Communications Internal Service Fund, 1919. Sufficient appropriations were included in the FY 2024-25 Adopted Budget and future fiscal year funding will be included in the Department’s requested budget, subject to Board approval. There is no additional cost to the General Fund.

**Fiscal Analysis:**

The La Cumbre Communication Tower Project is fully funded by Certification of Participate Debt Proceeds within Information Technology Department Fund 1919-Communications

Funding Source	FY [24-25]	FY [25-26]	Total Contract w/ Amendment 1
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Certificates of Participation Debt Proceeds Fund 1919	\$460,834.06	\$81,642.67	<b>\$542,026.73</b>
<b>Total</b>			

**Special Instructions:**

Provide two originals of the Amendment with GrayDS, Inc. and a Minute Order to Clay Preston, 260 San Antonio Road, Santa Barbara, CA 93110, and email a copy to [cpreston@countyofsb.org](mailto:cpreston@countyofsb.org).

**Attachments:**

Attachment A – Board Contract 23240 Amendment No. 1

Attachment B – Original Board Contract 23240, Change Order No. 1, Potential Change Order No. 2

Attachment C – CEQA Notice of Exemption for County Project

**Contact Information:**

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