



Folsom City Council Staff Report

MEETING DATE:	7/28/2020
AGENDA SECTION:	Consent Calendar
SUBJECT:	Resolution No. 10497 - A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Licensing Agreement with the Sacramento Regional Radio Communications System
FROM:	Police Department

RECOMMENDATION / CITY COUNCIL ACTION

Staff recommends the City Council approve Resolution No. 10497 – A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Licensing Agreement with the Sacramento Regional Radio Communications System.

BACKGROUND / ISSUE

The County of Sacramento, in coordination with several public safety and public service entities, developed the Sacramento Regional Radio Communications System (SRRCS). This system serves as the backbone for the region’s communication system and is the sole source provider for radio communications in the region. The system’s participants have pooled their individual frequencies and rights granted by the FCC to allow for better radio communication throughout the Sacramento region. The City of Folsom is a participant in this agreement.

The Sacramento Regional Radio Communications System licensing agreement was last signed in 2010 and expired in July of 2020. An extension to the 2010 agreement was approved allowing access to the system until 10/1/2020. The proposed licensing agreement will allow the City of Folsom to operate on the SRRCS until 7/1/2030.

POLICY / RULE

In accordance with Chapter 2.36 of the Folsom Municipal Code, supplies, equipment, services, and construction with a value of \$62,014 or greater shall be awarded by City Council.

ANALYSIS

The City of Folsom currently participates in an agreement with SRRCS. Public safety (police and fire), water management, and public works all have radios operating on the system. The streamlined communication over two-way radios allows for rapid response to all types of events (both emergency and non-emergency). The interoperability of the system allows for participating agencies to easily communicate with each other during critical events. There are no other radio systems within Sacramento County for the City of Folsom to operate on. Should the City decide not to opt into the agreement, we would have to create our own system. The costs associated in building and maintaining a radio system backbone would be enormous.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Each participating agency is charged for the portion of the system they use (i.e. the backbone fee is charged to each agency as a flat rate for each radio allowed to use the system). The costs associated with this agreement are divided based on the number of radios assigned to the various department. As of the billing for FY 2020-21 the Police Department had 228 radios, Fire had 80 radios, Public Works had 13 radios, Solid Waste had 5 radios and Environmental and Water Resources had 2 radios. Total charged to the City for FY 2020-21 was \$108,240 or \$330 per radio and is charged to the respective departments operating budgets. The FY 2020-21 operating budgets in the General Fund (Fund 010) totaled \$105,930. The agreement includes increases to the per radio charge in FY 2021-22 to \$345 (4.55%), in FY 2022-23 to \$360 (4.35%) and in FY 2023-24 to \$370 (2.78%). The increases in future fiscal years will be included in the respective budgets during the budget process for that fiscal year.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

N/A

ATTACHMENT

1. Resolution No. 10497 – A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Licensing Agreement with the Sacramento Regional Radio Communications System

Submitted,

Richard D. Hillman – Chief of Police

RESOLUTION NO. 10497

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE
A LICENSING AGREEMENT WITH THE SACRAMENTO REGIONAL RADIO
COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM**

WHEREAS, a spirit of cooperation and collaboration has been demonstrated by several public agencies in the Sacramento area to develop a regional solution to meet the individual radio communications need of each agency; and

WHEREAS, the County of Sacramento, in coordination with several public safety and public service entities, has developed the Sacramento Regional Radio Communications System; and

WHEREAS, the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors contracted for the construction of the Sacramento Regional Radio Communications System; and

WHEREAS, the Sacramento Regional Radio Communications System includes a backbone communications system and end user equipment; and

WHEREAS, the Participants have pooled their individual frequencies and rights granted by the FCC; and

WHEREAS, the City of Folsom desires to contract with the County of Sacramento for a license for use of the backbone communications system.

WHEREAS, the current fee per radio authorized to the system is \$330; and

WHEREAS, the cost for the agreement is divided among the departments that use the radios the total in FY 2020-21 cost is \$108,240; and

WHEREAS, the agreement includes per radio increases up to \$370 per radio in FY 2023-24 and the increases will be included in the various departments during the budget process in that fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, the agreement will be in a form acceptable to the City Attorney:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Folsom authorizes the City Manager to execute the Sacramento Regional Radio Communications System Licensing Agreement.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 28 day of July, 2020, by the following roll-call vote:

AYES: Council Member(s):
NOES: Council Member(s):
ABSENT: Council Member(s):
ABSTAIN: Council Member(s):

Sarah Aquino, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Christa Freemantle, CITY CLERK