



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

AGENDA DATE: May 3, 2016

TO: Mayor and Councilmembers

FROM: Facilities Division, Public Works Department

SUBJECT: Contract For Installation Of Radio Equipment On University Of California, Santa Barbara, Property To Serve City Beach Areas

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council authorize the City Administrator to enter into a four-year license agreement with the Regents of the University of California, Santa Barbara, for the installation and operation of radio equipment on University of California, Santa Barbara, property.

DISCUSSION:

The City's Facilities and Energy Management Division is seeking to install and operate additional communications equipment to enhance radio communications along City beaches and at the Airport. Currently, radio communications along our beaches do not have a direct path to the existing equipment. As such, VHF communications utilized by the City's Fire Department during rescue situations along the beaches are less than optimal. This system would greatly enhance coverage and provide for clearer and more reliable communications between fire fighters and the Combined Communications Center. In addition, the system will provide better coverage inside the Airport terminal.

BUDGET/FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

The ongoing cost for this agreement is \$180 per year, which will be paid out of the Facilities, Electronic Communications Program. The agreement to install and operate the equipment requires the City to indemnify UCSB for any loss or damage that may result due to the City's use of UCSB's building. Therefore, due to the very remote possibility that loss or damage resulting from this agreement may exceed the staff approval limit of \$35,000, this matter is being brought to Council for approval.

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APPROVED BY: City Administrator's Office