



TOWN OF FAIRFAX

STAFF REPORT

February 17, 2021

TO: Mayor and Town Council

FROM: Garrett Toy, Town Manager

SUBJECT: Adopt a Resolution Appointing a Representative and Two Alternates to the Marin Emergency Radio Authority (MERA) Board of Directors

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution Appointing a Representative and Two Alternates to the Marin Emergency Radio Authority Board of Directors.

DISCUSSION

Each Marin Emergency Radio Authority (MERA) member agency has one primary representative and up to two alternates on the Board of Directors, who must be appointed by resolution of each member agency. In general, the primary representatives to MERA are town staff (e.g., police chief, town manager) due to the technical nature of MERA. The Town Council last updated its appointments in 2019, when then-Lieutenant Rico Tabaranza was designated as second alternate pursuant to Resolution 19-02.

Currently, the Town's primary and first alternate positions are vacant, due to the retirement of Chief Christopher Morin and the departure of Sergeant Cron. The attached resolution would make Interim Chief Tabaranza the primary representative position, with Police Sergeant William Cade as first alternate and former chief Christopher Morin, now Reserve Sergeant, as second alternate.

FISCAL IMPACT

N/a

ATTACHMENT

Resolution

RESOLUTION 21-__

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF FAIRFAX
APPOINTING A REPRESENTATIVE AND TWO ALTERNATES TO THE
MARIN EMERGENCY RADIO AUTHORITY (MERA) BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

WHEREAS, the Federal Government has made certain radio frequencies available to local agencies in Marin County for the operation of a public safety and emergency radio system; and

WHEREAS, numerous local agencies within Marin County have entered into a Joint Powers Agreement establishing the Marin Emergency Radio Authority, ("MERA"), including the County, all cities and towns, and numerous special districts; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Joint Powers Agreement, each member entity of the Radio Authority is entitled to appoint one representative and up to two alternates to the Board of Directors of the Authority;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Fairfax as follows:

Section 1. Fairfax Interim Chief of Police Rico Tabaranza is hereby appointed as the representative to the MERA Board of Directors, and authorized to take all actions necessary to meet the duties and obligations of the Joint Powers Agreement; and

Section 2. Fairfax Police Sergeant William Cade is hereby appointed as the alternate representative to the MERA Board of Directors and authorized to take all actions necessary to meet the duties and obligations of the Joint Powers Agreement in the absence of the appointed Representative; and

Section 3. Fairfax Reserve Police Sergeant Christopher Morin is hereby appointed as the second alternate representative to the MERA Board of Directors and authorized to take all actions necessary to meet the duties and obligations of the Joint Powers Agreement in the absence of the appointed representative and the first alternate.

The foregoing resolution was duly passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Fairfax held in said Town on the ___ day of _____ 2021 by the following vote, to wit:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT:

BRUCE ACKERMAN, Mayor

Attest: _____
Michele Gardner, Town Clerk