

#### **TRWC Board of Directors Meeting**

March 3rd, 2016 - 9AM Phoenix-Mesa Gateway Airport (PMGA) Administration Building, Board Room 5835 S. Sossaman Road Mesa, Arizona 85212

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#### **Agenda**

- 1) Call to Order & Opening Comments
  - a. Materials & Sign-in Sheet
  - b. Speaker Cards
  - c. Audio Recording
  - d. Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation Welcome

#### 2) Public Comment

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3) Discussion and Action on Board Meeting Minutes

October 26th, 2015 TRWC Board Meeting Minutes

- 4) Discussion and Possible Action on Committee & Working Group Updates
  - a. Executive Committee Update Bob Badgett (Co-chair)
    - Recognition of outgoing Executive Committee Co-chair Dave Hagar
    - Introduction to new Executive Committee Co-chair Bill Peters
    - Overview of recent activity
  - b. User Group Update Dale Crogan (Chairman)
  - c. Governance Working Group Gary Bradbury & Dale Shaw
- 5) Discussion and Possible Action on Recommended 2016/2017 TRWC Budget Dale Shaw
  - a. TRWC 2016-2017 Budget Presentation Sherry McGlade & Randy Thompson
  - b. TRWC 2016-2017 Budget Adoption Consideration (\$2,748,953)

#### 6) <u>Discussion and Possible Action on Network Administrator Updates:</u>

- a. Current Fiscal Year Budget & Finance Overview Sherry McGlade
- b. Network Updates & Performance Overview Randy Thompson
- c. Fire Hazard Zone Communications System Project Update (VHF) Motorola, Norm Folger

#### 7) Next TRWC Board Meeting(s):

March 29, 2016, 9:00 a.m. (if necessary) - Teleconference June 9, 2016, 9:00 a.m. - PMGA September 29, 2016, 9:00 a.m. - PMGA December 15, 2016, 9:00 a.m. - PMGA

#### 8) Adjournment

#### **TRWC Board of Directors Meeting**

October 26, 2015 at 11:00 a.m. via teleconference Public access at: 50 E Civic Center, Room 233

Gilbert, AZ 85296

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#### **Directors and Staff Attendees**

John Kross, Gary Bradbury, John Pombier, Dale Shaw, Marc Skocypec, Randy Thompson, Bill Anger, Sherry McGlade, and Melanie Humphries.

#### Minutes

- 1) Call to Order and Opening Comments Chairman Kross
  - a. Roll call, Materials and Sign-in Sheet
  - b. Speaker Cards
  - c. Audio recording

Chairman Kross called the meeting to order and Dale Shaw conducted a role call. Once a quorum was present for the meeting, Chairman Kross welcomed the attendees, provided instruction on the process for public comment, and reminded participants the meeting audio is recorded.

#### 2) Public Comment -

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No Public Comment requests were received.

3) <u>Discussion and Possible Action on Board Meeting Minutes</u> – Chairman Kross

September 22, 2015 TRWC Board Meeting Minutes

Bill Anger asked to make amendments to the meeting minutes. On page 2, in the paragraph that starts with "John Pombier", the phrase "as amended identifying the

attendees" goes after the word "minutes" and before the word "and". Mr. Anger explains the next amendments are on page 7 in the first paragraph and then the next paragraph on that same page. (Please note: The amended paragraphs are on page 6, and include the next to last and the last paragraphs on that page). In the next to last paragraph on page 6, "the authority" should be "their authority" and the phrase "they could have" should be deleted. This paragraph starts with "Bill Anger" and should read: "Bill Anger stated the general answer is if Verizon is going beyond the scope of their authority a temporary restraining order or a preliminary injunction could stop them." In the last paragraph on page 6, a "j" needs to be added between the "n" and "u" to correctly spell the word "injunction".

John Pombier motioned to approve the <u>09/22/15 TRWC Board Meeting Minutes</u> with the amendments as presented by Mr. Anger and Gary Bradbury seconded. All were in favor; the motion passed.

#### 4) <u>Discussion and Action on Chairman Election</u> – Dale Shaw

Election and Chairman position for a new 2-year term

Dale Shaw explained there is a new Chairman term that will be commencing in early November. Mr. Shaw solicited nominations or interest from the Board. All the nominations received were for the current Chair, Mr. John Kross from Queen Creek.

Gary Bradbury motioned to nominate John Kross to continue as the Board Chair for the TRWC and John Pombier seconded. All were in favor; the motion passed.

#### 5) <u>Discussion and Action on Partner Requests</u> – Dale Shaw

#### a. Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation Membership Approval

Dale Shaw explained, as discussed at the last Board meeting, the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation has applied for consideration for membership with the TRWC. During the last meeting, Mr. Shaw outlined some of the basic items that are included as part of the process of admission, which are covered in more detail in the materials provided.

Mr. Shaw explained an amendment has been made to the existing Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) to add them as a member and this has been forwarded to everyone's legal departments for review. As of the date of this meeting, Mr. Shaw has heard from all agencies except the City of Apache Junction and feels comfortable that an amendment exists that is acceptable, although there is still one agency to hear back from.

Chairman Kross asked if the final IGA's would be sent out to the member boards and councils within a couple of weeks for ratification by the respective boards and councils.

Mr. Shaw explained that assuming Fort McDowell is in a position to have their governing board approve moving forward, in concert with the action the TRWC Board will be taking today, and assuming it would be affirmative, then a clean version of the amendment will be immediately provided for processing with each respective agency. Mr. Shaw will provide this to the Board members so they can take whatever steps within their organization for execution.

Chairman Kross wanted to be certain that they will be waiting to see something from Mr. Shaw before their individual boards take further action.

Mr. Shaw explained he will give the official package which will probably be the Board report as a sample as well as the actual amendment, and the Board members can move forward individually at that point.

John Pombier motioned to approve the admission of the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation to the TRWC as a member subject to the execution of the IGA and any other related agreements and Jerry Ward seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

#### b. AMR Associate Membership Request – Dale Shaw

Chairman Kross referred to the brief staff report and letter as provided in the materials.

Dale Shaw explained AMR would be added as an associate member, very much like Southwest Ambulance previously. This would position AMR to use the network in the performance of their duties under contract with member agencies in the TRWC. AMR is in the process of working with some of the TRWC members to provide ambulance services or medical response. There is a template, and with the Board's direction, an agreement will be executed with AMR.

Gary Bradbury motioned to approve and Marc Skocypec seconded. The motion passed.

#### 6) <u>Discussion and Possible Action on Network Administrator Updates:</u>

Verizon Testing Update – Randy Thompson

Randy Thompson provided an update from the discussion that took place at the September 22<sup>nd</sup> Board meeting regarding Verizon's plan to do testing that might interfere with the communications used by the members of the TRWC. After that meeting, and with input from the Board, Bill Anger drafted two letters. One letter was sent to the Verizon test engineer who sent the notice that Verizon was planning to begin testing in mid-October and into November. The other letter was sent to the Chairman of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) with a copy to the Chief Executive Office of Verizon Communications. In working with the City of Mesa Government Relations Deputy City Manager, a meeting was arranged and held with Verizon Communications on October 12th. At that time, Verizon announced they were not planning to do the testing they had proposed anywhere in Arizona. Their plans are not clear at this time, as far as where they may do any of this testing. Subsequent to that, Dale Shaw received an e-mail from the FCC that since Verizon was planning to discontinue their plan--not do any testing in Gilbert—that they were going to cancel the special temporary authority experimental license that had been granted. For now, there are not foreseen concerns with Verizon and that testing, and the letters and other actions that were going on at the time were effective in getting people's attention. Mr. Thompson said what they were actually asking for was some modification in their testing plans, but having Verizon decide they were not going to do the testing certainly will avoid the issue of any possible interference.

Mr. Kross asked if there was any idea if Verizon was going to pursue testing in the future—if there has been any indication to us.

Mr. Thompson explained that Verizon was not forthcoming where they might do this testing. In the meeting on October 12<sup>th</sup>, they pointed out to Verizon that the National Institute of Standards and Technology has a lab in Boulder, Colorado where they do this type of work. Verizon was encouraged to go that route or follow a similar path for future testing. It was also pointed out to Verizon that had they approached the TRWC in a different manner about what they were intending to do, we would have worked with them earlier on so we could have avoided some of the steps we had to take. Mr. Thompson said he thinks Verizon will be working on changing the FCC rules to try to permit the higher power levels they are talking about doing. He said we will be on the alert for that and most likely file objections if that were to come up because of some of the research and prior FCC filings on this topic, but will deal with those at the time.

Chairman Kross asked that the Board be kept posted on any changes to the rules that requires some action or additional action by the Board.

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#### 7) Next Meeting(s):

TRWC Board Meeting – December 9, 2015 9:00 a.m. (PMGA)

#### 8) Adjournment – Chairman Kross

Chairman Kross thanked everyone and adjourned the meeting.



# Governance Working Group

Progress Update
March 2016

# **Guiding Principles**

 Provide Valley-wide operable & interoperable communication services which are focused on the operational needs of the end user - universal "push to talk" coverage should be our overarching goal

Maximize use of all existing resources including financial and personnel

Establish and maintain system compatibility which is sustainable over time

 Focus on the needs of the end users which includes both first responders and the public

# Mission & Vision

Mission:

 To achieve excellence in radio and data communications supporting public safety and municipal partners.

Vision:

 To assure seamless radio and data communications to meet the operational needs of the users in a cost effective and sustainable manner.

# Same Goals - New Solution

- The GWG will develop a "Master IGA" which will incorporate high level principles to maintain or establish regional system(s) compatibility, cooperation and interoperational and operational roaming.
- A "coordinating council" will be established to ensure the parties to the Master IGA demonstrate accountability and progress.
- A phased approach will utilized as follows:
  - 1.Develop and approve the Master IGA
  - 2. Upon approval of the Master IGA, develop working group structure, participation, schedules and goals
- Other regional system participation in the Master IGA development process will be evaluated:
  - Upon completion of a "rough draft" form of the Master IGA
  - GWG meeting-to-meeting evaluation discussion
- Continuing to work toward the 2017 implementation timeframe

# Prior GWG Produced Governance Material

- Previous effort produced governance material changes/improvements
- Material to be reviewed by the TRWC Executive Committee
- Possible partial inclusion or total replacement of TRWC governance
- Will report progress at upcoming Board Meetings
- Final recommendations for Board action will follow



### FY2016/17 Proposed Budget

Endorsed by the TRWC Executive Committee February 9, 2016

# FY2016/17 Proposed Budget

	FY 15/16 APPROVED	FY 16/17 PROPOSED	Change
1. LABOR Cost	\$ 476,955	\$ 492,000	\$ 15,045
2. NON LABOR	1,107,400	1,138,125	30,725
4. TOTAL OPERATING & MAINTENANCE BUDGET	\$ 1,584,355	\$ 1,630,125	\$ 45,770
5. MONTHLY AIRTIME HOURS	1,000	1,019	
6. RECONCILIATION OF BUDGET INCREASE: a. Projected increase in benefits/salaries b. Reduce consulting c. Florence Gardens Rent d. Motorola Contract additional services e. Purchase of spare parts/batteries for upgraded system f Warranty savings on upgrade			\$ 15,045 (90,000) 9,600 16,000 30,000 (12,500)
SubTotal	Budget Changes:		(31,855)
Add: Proposed C	ontingency at 5%		77,625
тс	OTAL VARIANCE:		\$ 45,770

## FY2016/17 Proposed Budget

O&M - AIRTIME PERCENTAGE	` '	VHF SPECIAL ASSSESSME	:NT (3)
MESA	72.37%	MESA FIRE & MEDICAL	66.85%
GILBERT	16.88%	GILBERT FIRE	18.81%
SUPERSTITION FIRE & ME	0.42%	SUPERSTITION FIRE & ME	8.11%
APACHE JUNCTION	7.16%	QUEEN CREEK FIRE	5.73%
FT MCDOWELL (2)	2.04%	RIO VERDE FIRE	0.50%
QUEEN CREEK	0.30%	TOTAL	100.00%
SOUTHWEST AMBULANCE	0.65%	IOIAL	100.00%
AMR	0.16%		
RIO VERDE	0.02%		
TOTAL	100.00%		
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- (1) Normal partner assessments are allocated based on recent rolling 6 month airtime averages and are subject to change based on actual monthly data. (9/30/15)
- (2) Ft McDowell share of costs is base on airtime estimate provided by the partner.
- (3) Agency cost distribution for the Hazard Zone Communication VHF Special Assessment is based on 12 months average Airtime as of March 31, 2015.

## FY2016/17 Proposed Budget

# ANNUAL ESTIMATED REVENUE: OPERATING & MAINTENANCE MESA \$ 1,179,722 GILBERT \$275,165 SUPERSTITION FIRE & MEDICAL 6,847 APACHE JUNCTION 116,717

APACHE JUNCTION 116,717
FT MCDOWELL (2) 33,255
QUEEN CREEK 4,890
SOUTHWEST AMBULANCE 10,596
AMR 2,608
RIO VERDE 326
TOTAL \$1,630,126

# FY2016/17 Recommended Budget

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	FY2	015/16	FΥ	2016/17	FY 17/18	FY 18/19	FY 19/20
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT COSTS NETWORK RELIABILITY IMPROVEMENTS:							
A. Fire VHF (CP0305)  B. TOPAZ Voice Radio Network Upgrade (CP0090)  (Funds provided by Sprint)		\$ 900,000 3,633,828 (564,320)	\$	685,000 433,828	\$496,168 433,828	\$ - 433,828	\$ - 433,828
C. Radio Sites Emergency Power Upgrade (CP0094) D. Regional Communications Authority (CP0438)						750,000	198,298
E. Wireless Backhaul (Microwave) Network Upgrade (						1,209,798	1,253,003
F. TOPAZ Voice Radio Network Coverage Improvemen	its (CP0091	)				-	724,946
TOTAL to Partners		\$3,969,508	\$1	1,118,828	\$929,996	\$2,393,626	\$2,610,075
NORMAL ASSESSMENT TO PARTNERS(1) MESA	74.400/	A 0 000 744	•	040 505	0040 505	04.740.440	<b>*</b> 4 00 4 00 0
MESA GILBERT	74.18%	\$2,288,741	\$			\$1,746,413	
SUPERSTITION FIRE & MEDICAL	17.64%	527,528		73,828	73,828 1.837	407,344	444,179
APACHE JUNCTION	0.48% 7.39%	14,860 226,614		1,837	31,316	10,135 172,783	11,052
FT MCDOWELL(2)	0.00%	226,614		31,316 8,922	8,922		
QUEEN CREEK	0.00%	10,835		1,312	1,312	7,240	7,894
RIO VERDE	0.28%	929		87	1,312	483	526
NIO VERDE	0.03%	929		87	87	483	526
TOTAL	100.00%	\$3,069,507	\$	433,828	\$433,828	\$2,393,626	\$2,610,075
SPECIAL ASSESSMENT TO PARTNERS (VHF)(3)							
MESA FIRE & MEDICAL	66.85%	\$ 601,662	\$	457,923	\$331,688	\$ -	\$ -
GILBERT FIRE	18.81%	169,249		128,849	93,329	-	-
SUPERSTITION FIRE & MEDICAL	8.11%	73,028		55,554	40,239	-	-
QUEEN CREEK FIRE	5.73%	51,598		39,251	28,430	-	-
RIO VERDE FIRE	0.50%	4,463		3,425	2,481	-	-
TOTAL	100.00%	\$ 900,000	\$	685,000	\$496,168		\$ -

# FY2016/17 Proposed Budget

	O&N	I CASH FLOW	15											
MONTH	1	MESA		GILBERT	SFM	CAJ	FT	MCDOWELL	QUEEN CREEK		SWA	AMR	RIC	VERDE
July	\$	526,198	\$	122,733	\$ 3,054	\$ 52,060	\$	14,833	\$ 2,181	\$	4,726	\$ 1,163	\$	145
August		59,411		13,857	345	5,878		1,675	246		534	131		16
September		59,411		13,857	345	5,878		1,675	246		534	131		16
October		59,411		13,857	345	5,878		1,675	246		534	131		16
November		59,411		13,857	345	5,878		1,675	246		534	131		16
December		59,411		13,857	345	5,878		1,675	246		534	131		16
January		59,411		13,857	345	5,878		1,675	246		534	131		16
February		59,411		13,857	345	5,878		1,675	246		534	131		16
March		59,411		13,857	345	5,878		1,675	246		534	131		16
April		59,411		13,857	345	5,878		1,675	246		534	131		16
May		59,411		13,857	345	5,878		1,675	246		534	131		16
June		59,411		13,857	345	5,878		1,675	246		534	131		16
Total	\$	1,179,722	\$	275,165	\$ 6,847	\$ 116,717	\$	33,255	\$ 4,890	\$	10,596	\$ 2,608	\$	326
									Total O&M	Proj	ect Cash Flow		\$1	,630,126

MONTH
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CAF	PITAL CASH F	LO	WS								
	MESA		GILBERT	SFM	CAJ	F	T MCDOWELL	QUE	EN CREEK		RIO VERDE
\$	727,098	\$	189,352	\$ 51,645	\$ 31,316	\$	8,922	\$	36,503	\$	3,157
	9,470		2,665	1,149	-				812		71
	9,470		2,665	1,149	-				812		71
	9,470		2,665	1,149	-		-		812		71
	9,470		2,665	1,149	-				812		71
	9,470		2,665	1,149	-		-		812		71
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\$	774,448	\$	202,677	\$ 57,390	\$ 31,316	\$	8,922	\$	40,563	\$	3,512
							Total Capital Pr	oiecte	d Cash Flow	S	1.118.828



Total Operating & Maintenance Budget Capital Network Reliability Improvements

PROPOSED BUDGET (O&M + Capital)

FY 16/17 PROPOSED

\$ 1,630,125 1,118,828

\$ 2,748,953



**Date**: March 3, 2016

**To:** Topaz Regional Wireless Cooperative (TRWC) Board of Directors

**From**: Dale Shaw, TRWC Executive Director

Bob Badgett, TRWC Executive Committee Co-chairman

David Hagar, TRWC Executive Committee Co-chairman

**Subject**: Fiscal Year 2016/2017 Budget

#### Recommendation

The TRWC Executive Director and Executive Committee recommend the approval of the Proposed TRWC Budget (attached) in the amount of \$2,748,953 for Fiscal Year 2016/2017.

#### **Background & Discussion**

The attached Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2015/2016 has been under review and endorsed by the TRWC Executive Committee. When compared to the current 2015/2016 Fiscal Year Budget, the proposed Operating & Maintenance expenses will increase by \$45,770 (primarily due to benefits/salaries, rent, Motorola contract services, spare parts, and the addition of a 5% contingency) and Capital will decrease by \$2,850,679 - with a net overall Budget decrease of \$2,804,909.

#### **Fiscal Impact**

The proposed budget represents the total planned contribution by all member agencies for the ongoing operation, maintenance, and improvement of the TRWC radio network. Each member agency will be invoiced as actual expenditures occur on a monthly basis.



# PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2016 / 2017 BUDGET DETAIL OF OPERATIONS, MAINTENANCE AND CAPITAL

**Endorsed by the TRWC Executive Committee February 9, 2016** 

PRESENTED TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS March 3, 2016

# TRWC Operating & Maintenance Budget And Capital Improvement Costs RECONCILIATION BETWEEN FY 15/16 APPROVED AND 16/17 PROPOSED BUDGET

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5. MONTHLY AIRTIME HOURS		1,000	1,019	
Add: Proposed Co	nting	et Changes: gency at 5% VARIANCE:		\$ 15,045 (90,000) 9,600 16,000 30,000 (12,500) (31,855) 77,625 45,770
7. O&M Cost Per Airtime Hour		\$132	\$133	\$1
8. Capital Network Reliability Improvements	\$	3,969,507	\$ 1,118,828	\$ (2,850,679)
Cost Per Airtime Hour		\$331	\$92	-\$239
PROPOSED BUDGET (O&M + Capital)			\$ 2,748,953	\$ (2,804,909)

# TRWC Operating & Maintenance Budget Summary of Labor and Non-labor

Summary of Labor and Non-labor		Y2015-16 PPROVED		FY 16/17 ROPOSED	F	Y 17/18	F	Y 18/19	F	FORE Y 19/20		ST Y 20/21	F	Y 21/22	F	Y 22/23
Description																
ESCALATION FACTOR						2.30%		2.30%		2.30%		2.30%		2.30%		2.30%
Labor Salaries and Wages	\$	476,955	\$	492,000	\$	503,316	\$	514,892	\$	526,735	\$	538,850	\$	551,243	\$	563,922
Total Labor	\$	476,955	\$	492,000	\$	503,316	\$	514,892	\$	526,735	\$	538,850	\$	551,243	\$	563,922
ESCALATION FACTOR GENERAL & ADMINISTRATIVE - OTHER SERVICES						2.30%		2.30%		2.30%		2.30%		2.30%		2.30%
Prof Services - Consulting	\$	90,000	\$	_	\$	_	\$	_	\$	_	\$	_	\$	_	\$	_
Ins. Premiums - Agencies	Ψ	10,600	*	10,600	•	10,844	*	11,093	Ψ	11,348	Ψ	11,609	Ψ.	11,876	Ψ.	12,150
Prof Services - Legal		37,000		37,000		37,851		38,722		39,612		40,523		41,455		42,409
Temp Services		90,000		90,000		92,070		94,188		96,354		98,570		100,837		103,156
Prof Services - Other		13,100		13,100		13,401		13,710		14,025		14,347		14,677		15,015
Prof Services - Grant Writing		10,000		10,000		10,230		10,465		10,706		10,952		11,204		11,462
Utilities-Communications Bldg		31,500		31,500		32,225		32,966		33,724		34,500		35,293		36,105
Utilities-Sites(50%TOPAZ,25%MW)		41,000		41,000		41,943		42,908		43,895		44,904		45,937		46,993
Telephone - Local		5,700		5,700		5,831		5,965		6,102		6,243		6,386		6,533
Repairs & Maint Outside		10,400		10,400		10,639		10,884		11,134		11,390		11,652		11,920
Equipment Usage (Vehicles)		20,000		20,000		20,460		20,931		21,412		21,904		22,408		22,924
Shaw Butte & Florence Gardens		15,000		24,600		25,166		25,745		26,337		26,942		27,562		28,196
All Other Services		2,000		2,000	_	2,046	_	2,093	_	2,141	_	2,190	_	2,241	•	2,292
TOTAL OTHER SERVICES	\$	376,300	\$	295,900	\$	302,706	\$	309,668	\$	316,790	\$	324,076	\$	331,530	\$	339,155
GENERAL & ADMINISTRATIVE - COMMODITIES																
Non Cap Assets	\$	50,000	\$	60,000	\$	61,380	\$	62,792	\$	64,236	\$	65,713	\$	67,225	\$	68,771
Contract - Preventative Motorola		629,000		645,000		659,835		675,011		690,536		706,419		722,666		739,288
Software Maint-Mainsaver, Juniper		21,000		21,000		21,483		21,977		22,483		23,000		23,529		24,070
Materials & Repair Parts - Outside		17,600		37,600		18,005		18,419		18,843		19,276		19,719		20,173
All Other Commodities		1,000		1,000		1,023		1,047		1,071		1,095		1,120		1,146
TOTAL COMMODITIES	\$	718,600	\$	764,600	_\$_	761,726	\$	779,245	\$	797,168	\$	815,503	\$	834,260	\$	853,448
OTHER BUDGET ITEMS																
PROPOSED CONTINGENCY - 5%	\$	-	\$	77,625	\$	78,387	\$	80,190	\$	82,035	\$	83,921	\$	85,852	\$	87,826
VHF OPERATIONS (special assessment)		12,500		-		93,452		96,255		99,143		102,117		105,181		105,182
TOTAL OTHER BUDGET ITEMS	\$	12,500	\$	77,625	\$	171,839	\$	176,445	\$	181,178	\$	186,038	\$	191,033	\$	193,008
<b>Total Operating &amp; Maintenance</b>	\$	1,584,355	\$	1,630,125	\$ ^	1,739,587	\$1	1,780,251	\$ ^	1,821,871	\$1	,864,468	\$1	,908,066	\$1	,949,533

# TRWC Operating & Maintenance Budget Summary of Labor and Non-labor

•	FY2015-16		FY 16/17			FORE	CAST		
	APPROVED	P	ROPOSED	FY 17/18	FY 18/19	FY 19/20	FY 20/21	FY 21/22	FY 22/23
Description									
Total Operating & Maintenance \$	1,584,355	\$	1,630,125	\$1,739,587	\$1,780,251	\$1,821,871	\$1,864,468	\$1,908,066	\$1,949,533
ROLLING 6 MONTH AVG AS OF 9/30/15 (2)	1,000		1,019	1,019	1,019	1,019	1,019	1,019	1,019
O&M - AIRTIME PERCENTAGE (1)									
MESA			72.37%	72.37%	72.37%	72.37%	72.37%	72.37%	72.37%
GILBERT			16.88%	16.88%	16.88%	16.88%	16.88%	16.88%	16.88%
SUPERSTITION FIRE & MEDICAL			0.42%	0.42%	0.42%	0.42%	0.42%	0.42%	0.42%
APACHE JUNCTION			7.16%	7.16%	7.16%	7.16%	7.16%	7.16%	7.16%
FT MCDOWELL (2)			2.04%	2.04%	2.04%	2.04%	2.04%	2.04%	2.04%
QUEEN CREEK			0.30%	0.30%	0.30%	0.30%	0.30%	0.30%	0.30%
SOUTHWEST AMBULANCE			0.65%	0.65%	0.65%	0.65%	0.65%	0.65%	0.65%
AMR			0.16%	0.16%	0.16%	0.16%	0.16%	0.16%	0.16%
RIO VERDE			0.02%	0.02%	0.02%	0.02%	0.02%	0.02%	0.02%
TOTAL			100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
VHF SPECIAL ASSSESSMENT (3)									
MESA FIRE & MEDICAL			66.85%	66.85%	66.85%	66.85%	66.85%	66.85%	66.85%
GILBERT FIRE			18.81%	18.81%	18.81%	18.81%	18.81%	18.81%	18.81%
SUPERSTITION FIRE & MEDICAL			8.11%	8.11%	8.11%	8.11%	8.11%	8.11%	8.11%
QUEEN CREEK FIRE			5.73%	5.73%	5.73%	5.73%	5.73%	5.73%	5.73%
RIO VERDE FIRE			0.50%	0.50%	0.50%	0.50%	0.50%	0.50%	0.50%
TOTAL			100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
ANNUAL ESTIMATED REVENUE: OPERATING & MAINTEN	JANCE								
MESA	TAITOL	\$	1,179,722	\$1,253,781	\$1,283,055	\$1,313,016	\$1.343.679	\$1,375,062	\$1,405,072
GILBERT		Ψ	275,165	295,446	302,364	309,445	316,693	324,111	331,111
SUPERSTITION FIRE & MEDICAL			6,847	14,493	14,879	15,276	15,684	16,102	16,277
APACHE JUNCTION			116,717	117,863	120,574	123,347	126,184	129,087	132,056
FT MCDOWELL (2)			33,255	33,581	34,354	35,144	35,952	36,779	37,625
QUEEN CREEK			4,890	10,293	10,567	10,849	11,138	11,436	11,560
SOUTHWEST AMBULANCE			10,596	10,700	10,946	11,198	11,455	11,719	11,988
AMR			2,608	2,634	2,694	2,756	2,820	2,885	2,951
RIO VERDE			326	796	818	840	863	886	895
TOTAL		\$	1,630,126	\$1,739,587	\$1,780,251	\$1,821,871	\$1,864,468	\$1,908,067	\$1,949,535
MONTHLY FEE PER AIRTIME UNIT: OPERATING & MAINT	ENANCE	\$	133	\$ 142	\$ 146	\$ 149	\$ 153	\$ 156	\$ 159

<sup>(1)</sup> Normal partner assessments are allocated based on recent rolling 6 month airtime averages and are subject to change based on actual monthly data.

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#### TRWC Capital Improvement Planning

	APPROV	/ED BUDGET	PRO	POSED BL	JDGET	]					FO	RECASTE	D				
	FY	2015/16		FY 2016/17	,		FY 17/18		FY 18/19		FY 19/20	FY 20/21		FY 21/22	FY 22/23		TOTAL 8 YEARS
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT COSTS NETWORK RELIABILITY IMPROVEMENTS:																	
A. Fire VHF (CP0305) B. TOPAZ Voice Radio Network Upgrade (CP0090)		\$ 900,000 3,633,828		\$	685,000 433,828	\$	496,168 433,828	\$	433,828	\$	- \$ 433,828	-	\$	- \$	-	\$	2,081,168 5,369,140
(Funds provided by Sp. C. Radio Sites Emergency Power Upgrade (CP0094 D. Regional Communications Authority (CP0438)		(564,320)							- 750,000		198,298	198,298		198,298			(564,320) 594,894 750,000
E. Wireless Backhaul (Microwave) Network Upgrade F. TOPAZ Voice Radio Network Coverage Improven		1)							1,209,798		1,253,003 724,946	1,299,793 750,687		674,360	931,325		3,762,594 3,081,318
TOTAL to Partners		\$ 3,969,508		\$	1,118,828	\$	929,996	\$	2,393,626	\$	2,610,075 \$	2,248,778	\$	872,658 \$	931,325	\$	11,105,286
NORMAL ASSESSMENT TO PARTNERS(1)																	
MESA	74.18%	\$ 2,288,741	72.96%	\$	316,525	\$	316,525	\$	1,746,413	\$	1,904,336 \$	1,640,731	\$	636,700 \$	679,504	\$	9,529,475
GILBERT	17.64%	527,528	17.02%		73,828		73,828		407,344		444,179	382,694		148,508	158,491		2,216,399
SUPERSTITION FIRE & MEDICAL	0.48%	14,860	0.42%		1,837		1,837		10,135		11,052	9,522		3,695	3,944		56,882
APACHE JUNCTION FT MCDOWELL(2)	7.39% 0.00%	226,614	7.22% 2.06%		31,316 8.922		31,316 8.922		172,783 49.229		188,407	162,327 46.250		62,993 17.948	67,227 19.154		942,983
OUEEN CREEK	0.00%	40.005	0.30%		- , -		- , -		-,		53,680	.,		,	-, -		204,105
		10,835			1,312 87		1,312		7,240		7,894	6,801		2,639	2,817		40,850
RIO VERDE	0.03%	929	0.02%		87		87		483		526	453		176	188		2,930
TOTAL	100.00%	\$ 3,069,507	100.00%	\$	433,828	\$	433,828	\$	2,393,626	\$	2,610,075 \$	2,248,778	\$	872,658 \$	931,325	\$	9,924,118
SPECIAL ASSESSMENT TO PARTNERS (VHF)(3)																	
MESA FIRE & MEDICAL	66.85%	\$ 601,662	66.85%	\$	457,923	\$	331,688	\$	-	\$	- \$	-	\$	- \$	_	\$	1,391,273
GILBERT FIRE	18.81%	169,249	18.81%		128,849		93,329		_		-	-		_	-		391,427
SUPERSTITION FIRE & MEDICAL	8.11%	73,028	8.11%		55,554		40,239		_		-	-		_	-		168,821
QUEEN CREEK FIRE	5.73%	51,598	5.73%		39,251		28,430		_		-	-		_	-		119,279
RIO VERDE FIRE	0.50%	4,463	0.50%		3,425		2,481		-		-	-		-	-		10,369
TOTAL	100.00%	\$ 900,000	100.00%	\$	685,000	\$	496,168	\$	-	\$	- \$	-	\$	- \$	-	\$	1,181,168
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TOTAL ASSESSMENT TO PARTNERS	<b>=</b> 0.00/		00.000				0.40.045	_	. =	_	4 00 4 000 -				0=0=-:	_	10.000 = 15
MESA	72.82%	\$ 2,890,403	69.22%	\$	774,448	\$	648,213	\$	1,746,413	\$	1,904,336 \$	1,640,731	\$	636,700 \$	679,504	\$	10,920,748
GILBERT	17.55%	696,777	18.12%		202,677		167,157		407,344		444,179	382,694		148,508	158,491		2,607,826
SUPERSTITION SPRINGS FIRE & MEDICAL	2.21%	87,888	5.13%		57,390		42,076		10,135		11,052	9,522		3,695	3,944		225,702
APACHE JUNCTION	5.71%	226,614	2.80%		31,316		31,316		172,783		188,407	162,327		62,993	67,227		942,983
FT MCDOWELL(2)	0.00%		0.80%		8,922		8,922		49,229		53,680	46,250		17,948	19,154		204,105
QUEEN CREEK	1.57%	62,433	3.63%		40,563		29,743		7,240		7,894	6,801		2,639	2,817		160,129
RIO VERDE	0.14%	5,392	0.31%		3,512		2,568		483		526	453		176	188		13,299
TOTAL	100.00%	\$ 3,969,507	100.00%	\$	1,118,828	\$	929,996	\$	2,393,626	\$	2,610,075 \$	2,248,778	\$	872,658 \$	931,325	\$	11,105,286

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	MESA	GILBERT	SFM	CAJ	FT MCDOWELL	. (	QUEEN CREEK	SWA	AMR	RIO V	'ERDE
	526,198	\$ 122,733	\$ 3,054	\$ 52,060	\$ 14,833	3 \$	2,181	\$ 4,726	\$ 1,163	\$	145
	59,411	13,857	345	5,878	1,67	5	246	534	131		16
	59,411	13,857	345	5,878	1,67	5	246	534	131		16
	59,411	13,857	345	5,878	1,67	5	246	534	131		16
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	59,411	13,857	345	5,878	1,67	5	246	534	131		16
	59,411	13,857	345	5,878	1,67	5	246	534	131		16
	59,411	13,857	345	5,878	1,67	5	246	534	131		16
;	1,179,722	\$ 275,165	\$ 6,847	\$ 116,717	\$ 33,25	5 \$	4,890	\$ 10,596	\$ 2,608	\$	326

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CAPI	ITAL CASH FI	_OW	/S								
	MESA		GILBERT	SFM	CAJ	F	T MCDOWELL	QU	EEN CREEK		RIO VERDE
\$	727,098	\$	189,352	\$ 51,645	\$ 31,316	\$	8,922	\$	36,503	\$	3,157
	9,470		2,665	1,149	_		-		812		71
	9,470		2,665	1,149	-		-		812		71
	9,470		2,665	1,149	_		-		812		71
	9,470		2,665	1,149	_		-		812		71
	9,470		2,665	1,149	-		-		812		71
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\$	774,448	\$	202,677	\$ 57,390	\$ 31,316	\$	8,922	\$	40,563	\$	3,512
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Total Capital Projected Cash Flow \$ 1,118,828



Finance Update March 3, 2016

# FY2016 Operations & Maintenance

Through January 31, 2016

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						YTD	١	/ariance	% Variance	
	F	iscal Year		YTD	Α	ctuals as of		From YTI	D Budget	
Description		Budget		Budget*	Jan	uary 31, 2016		Increase/(	Decrease)	Variance Explanations (over \$5,000/20%)
Personnel Services		476,955		275,166		310,725		35,559	13%	Additional work on upgrade, completed Sept
Sub-total Personnel Services	\$	476,955	\$	275,166	\$	310,725	\$	35,559	13%	
Insurance Premiums - Agencies		10.600		10.600		8.094		(2,506)	-24%	
Professional Services - Legal		37.000		21.583		23.416		1.833	8%	
Temp Services		90,000		52,500		47.081		(5,419)	-10%	
Shaw Butte Land Rental		15,000	<b>-</b>	15.000		14,734		(266)	-2%	
Professional Services - Other		23,100		13,475		10.031		(3,444)	-26%	
Professional Services - Consulting		90,000		52,500		-		(52,500)	-100%	Potential savings will be used to offset Motorola and Payroll variances
Utilities		72,500		42,292		34,036		(8,256)	-20%	Seasonal rates
Telephone - Local		5,700		3,325		3,024		(301)	-9%	
Repairs & Maintenance Outside		10,400		6,067		3,072		(2,995)	-49%	
Equipment Usage (Vehicles)		20,000		11,667		10,236		(1,431)	-12%	
All Other Services		2,000		1,167		100		(1,067)	-91%	
Sub-total Services	\$	376,300	\$	219,575	\$	153,824	\$	(65,751)	-30%	
Contract - Preventative Motorola		629,000		629,000		646,216		17,216	3%	Upgraded Motorola Service contract
Materials & Parts		17,600		10,267		1,514		(8,753)	-85%	offset by Non-cap assets
Non Cap Assets		50,000		29,167		35,542		6,376	22%	New Rectifier; Two new battery installations
Software Maintenance- Juniper		21,000		21,000		20,214		(786)	-4%	
All Other Commodities		1,000		583		-		(583)	-100%	
Sub-total Commodities	\$	718,600	\$	690,017	\$	703,486	\$	13,470	2%	
Subtotal O&M	\$	1,571,855	\$	1,184,758	s	1,168,035	Ś	(16.723)	-1%	

# FY2016 Operations & Maintenance

Through January 31, 2016

	Fiscal Year 2015 / 2016									
	F	iscal Year		YTD	ı	YTD Actuals as of		Variance From YTD	% Variance Budget	
Description		Budget		Budget*	Jai	nuary 31, 2016		Increase/(I	Decrease)	Variance Explanations (over \$5,000/20%)
Subtotal O&M	\$	1,571,855	\$	1,184,758	\$	1,168,035	\$	(16,723)	-1%	
Special Assessment: VHF Operations	\$	12,500	\$	7,292	\$	24,292		17,000	233%	Federal Engineering contract extended past the end of the fiscal year
Total	\$	1,584,355	\$	1,192,050	\$	1,192,327	\$	278	0%	

## **FY2016 Capital Projects**

Through January 31, 2016

Capital Costs	<b>Original Budget</b>	YTD January	% Used
СОМ	\$2,276,961	\$2,288,741	101%
TOG	\$541,461	\$527,528	97%
SFM	\$14,734	\$14,860	101%
CAJ	\$226,837	\$226,614	100%
TQC	\$8,595	\$10,835	126%
RVFD	\$920	\$929	101%
Total Capital Costs	\$3,069,508	\$3,069,508	100%

# FY2016 VHF Special Assessment

Through January 31, 2016

		Monthly		
VHF Special Assessment	<b>Monthly Budget</b>	Actuals	% Used	Variance
Total Monthly VHF O&M Assessment	\$1,042	\$0	0%	-\$1,042
VHF Special O&M Assessment	Original Budget	YTD January	% Used	YTD Variance
СОМ	\$8,356	\$16,239	194%	
TOG	\$2,351	\$4,569	194%	
SFM	\$1,014	\$1,970	194%	
TQC	\$716	\$1,392	194%	
RVFD	\$63	\$121	194%	
Total VHF Special Assessment	\$12,500	\$24,292	194%	\$11,792
Total Monthly VHF Capital Assessment	\$75,000	\$4,534	6%	-\$70,466
VHF Special Capital Assessment	Original Budget	YTD January	% Used	YTD Variance
СОМ	\$601,662	\$440,524	73%	
TOG	\$169,249	\$123,953	73%	
SFM	\$73,028	\$53,443	73%	
TQC	\$51,598	\$37,759	73%	
RVFD	\$4,463	\$3,295	74%	
Total VHF Special Assessment	\$900,000	\$658,975	73%	-\$241,025





#### FISCAL YEAR TO DATE ACTUALS As of January 31, 2016

# OPERATIONS, MAINTENANCE, SPECIAL ASSESSMENT AND CAPITAL

PRESENTED March 3, 2016

#### **TOPAZ BUDGET TO ACTUAL COMPARISON**

Fiscal Year 2015 / 2016

Operations & Maintenance	Monthly Budget	Current Month Actuals	% Used	Monthly Variance		
Total Monthly O&M Costs	\$130,988	\$53,886	41%	-\$77,102		
Operating & Maintenance Costs	Original Budget	YTD January	% Used	YTD Variance	Original Budget	July Airtime
COM	\$1,155,313	\$864,145	75%		73.50%	73.93%
TOG	\$274,760	\$199,312	73%		17.48%	17.04%
SFM	\$7,545	\$5,302	70%		0.48%	0.48%
CAJ	\$115,060	\$85,131	74%		7.32%	7.32%
TQC	\$4,401	\$4,006	91%		0.28%	0.35%
RVFD	\$472	\$296	63%		0.03%	0.03%
SWA	\$14,304	\$9,776	68%		0.91%	0.85%
Total O&M Costs	\$1,571,854	\$1,168,035	74%	-\$403,819	100.00%	100.00%

Capital Projects	Monthly Budget	Current Month Actuals	% Used	Monthly Variance
Total Monthly Capital Costs	\$255,792	\$0	0%	-\$255,792
Capital Costs	Original Budget	YTD January	% Used	YTD Variance
COM	\$2,276,961	\$2,288,741	101%	
TOG	\$541,461	\$527,528	97%	
SFM	\$14,734	\$14,860	101%	
CAJ	\$226,837	\$226,614	100%	
TQC	\$8,595	\$10,835	126%	
RVFD	\$920	\$929	101%	
Total Capital Costs	\$3,069,508	\$3,069,508	100%	\$0

VHF Special Assessment Total Monthly VHF O&M Assessment	Monthly Budget \$1,042	Current Month Actuals \$0	<b>% Used</b> 0%	Monthly Variance -\$1,042
VHF Special O&M Assessment	Original Budget	YTD January	% Used	YTD Variance
COM TOG SFM	\$8,356 \$2,351 \$1,014	\$16,239 \$4,569 \$1,970	194% 194% 194%	
TQC RVFD	\$716 \$63	\$1,392 \$121	194% 194%	
Total VHF Special Assessment	\$12,500	\$24,292	194%	\$11,792
Total Monthly VHF Capital Assessment	\$75,000	\$4,534	6%	-\$70,466
VHF Special Capital Assessment	Original Budget	YTD January	% Used	YTD Variance
COM	\$601,662	\$440,524	73%	
TOG	\$169,249	\$123,953	73%	
SFM	\$73,028	\$53,443	73%	
TQC	\$51,598	\$37,759	73%	
RVFD	\$4,463	\$3,295	74%	
Total VHF Special Assessment	\$900,000	\$658,975	73%	-\$241,025

**TOPAZ**Operating and Maintenance Variance Analysis

	Fiscal Year 2015 / 2016									
						YTD	,	Variance	% Variance	
	Fi	iscal Year		YTD	Acti	uals as of		From YTD E	Budget	
Description		Budget		Budget*	Janua	ry 31, 2016		Increase/(De	ecrease)	Variance Explanations (over \$5,000/20%)
De versional Constitute		476.055		275.466		240 725		25 550	420/	
Personnel Services	\$	476,955	ć	275,166	\$	310,725	Ś	35,559	13%	Additional work on upgrade, completed Sept
Sub-total Personnel Services	\$	476,955	\$	275,166	Ş	310,725	Ş	35,559	13%	
Insurance Premiums - Agencies		10,600		10,600		8,094		(2,506)	-24%	
Professional Services - Legal		37,000		21,583		23,416		1,833	8%	
Temp Services		90,000		52,500		47,081		(5,419)	-10%	
Shaw Butte Land Rental		15,000		15,000		14,734		(266)	-2%	
Professional Services - Other		23,100		13,475		10,031		(3,444)	-26%	
Professional Services - Consulting		90,000		52,500		-		(52,500)	-100%	Potential savings will be used to offset Motorola and Payroll variances
Utilities		72,500		42,292		34,036		(8,256)	-20%	Seasonal; costs are expected to catch up in the hot months
Telephone - Local		5,700		3,325		3,024		(301)	-9%	
Repairs & Maintenance Outside		10,400		6,067		3,072		(2,995)	-49%	
Equipment Usage (Vehicles)		20,000		11,667		10,236		(1,431)	-12%	
All Other Services		2,000		1,167		100		(1,067)	-91%	
Sub-total Services	\$	376,300	\$	219,575	\$	153,824	\$	(65,751)	-30%	
Contract - Preventative Motorola		629,000		629,000		646,216		17,216	3%	Upgraded Motorola Service contract
Materials & Parts		17,600		10,267		1,514		(8,753)	-85%	offset by Non-cap assets
Non Cap Assets		50,000		29,167		35,542		6,376	22%	New Rectifier; Two new battery installations
Software Maintenance- Juniper		21,000		21,000		20,214		(786)	-4%	
All Other Commodities		1,000		583		-		(583)	-100%	
Sub-total Commodities	\$	718,600	\$	690,017	\$	703,486	\$	13,470	2%	
Subtotal O&M	\$	1,571,855	\$	1,184,758	\$	1,168,035	\$	(16,723)	-1%	
Special Assessment: VHF Operations	\$	12,500	\$	7,292	\$	24,292		17,000	233%	Federal Engineering contract extended past the end of the fiscal year
Total	\$	1,584,355	\$	1,192,050	\$	1,192,327	\$	278	0%	

<sup>\*</sup>YTD Budget represents 7 months of operational costs plus any contractual expenses already incurred (i.e. one time payments such as Insurance Premiums, Land Rental and Motorola Contract).



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March 3, 2016

To: TOPAZ Regional Wireless Cooperative (TRWC) Board of Directors

Through: Dale Shaw, TRWC Executive Director

**From**: Randy Thompson

**Subject**: Administrator Update

#### **Capital Projects**

- 1) **Lifecycle upgrade to the TOPAZ radio network**. This project is complete. The old TOPAZ infrastructure has been removed from all of the sites, and has either been traded-in to Motorola Solutions Inc. per the contract, or has been sent for disposal (recycling).
- 2) Fire Hazard Zone Communication Infrastructure. This infrastructure will enable the Mesa Fire Dispatch Alarm Room to communicate with the mobile and portable radios on in Fire Hazard or Hot Zones, which will be operating on Very High Frequency (VHF, 150-174 MHz) radio frequencies in analog simplex mode. This funding for this project is shown in the TRWC budget. Below are project milestones:
  - a. Complete
    - i. Contract awarded to Motorola Solutions on September 28, 2015.
    - ii. First payment of \$600,000, was made on November 12, 2015
  - b. Upcoming
    - i. Frequency acquisition, TBD, in progress.
    - ii. Equipment ordering, TBD, dependent on completion of frequency acquisition.
    - iii. Equipment staging at Motorola Solution in Illinois, TBD.
    - iv. Site preparation, TBD.
    - v. Shipment of equipment from Motorola Solutions in Illinois, TBD.
    - vi. Installation of equipment at sites, TBD
    - vii. Optimization & testing of equipment, TBD
    - viii. Acceptance testing, TBD
    - ix. System Acceptance, TBD

#### **Non-capital Projects**

- 1) **Site Battery Lifecycle Upgrade**. The batteries that back up the TOPAZ voice radio network and other equipment at the remote radio sites and the City of Mesa Communications Building are 14 years old. These batteries have reached the end of their service life. Normally, these batteries only power the equipment for less than a minute while the emergency generator starts and picks up the load to power the equipment. However, we size these batteries to power the site for a minimum of 4 hours in the event the emergency generator does not start, so we have time to take the portable generator to the site to provide power.
  - a. The battery replacement plan is as follows:
    - i. Falcon Field, April, 2016 (FY16 budget, TRWC pays ½ the cost)
    - ii. Communications Building, April, 2016 (FY16 budget, TRWC pays ½ the cost)

- iii. Range Rider, July, 2016 (FY17 budget)
- iv. CRS, October, 2016 (FY17 budget)
- v. South Water Plant, January, 2017 (FY17 budget)
- b. The batteries at the following sites have been replaced.
  - i. Apache Junction Fire Station 262, October 9, 2014
  - ii. Apache Junction Fire Station 264, December 16, 2014
  - iii. Twin Knolls South, February 24, 2015
  - iv. FS205, July 28, 2015 (FY16 budget)
  - v. EMSC, October 13, 2015 (FY16 budget, TRWC pays ½ the cost)
  - vi. Twin Knolls North, December 8, 2015 (funded by Maricopa County site colocation)
  - vii. TRW, January 5, 2016 (funded by Maricopa County site colocation)
- 2) **Emergency Generator Lifecycle Upgrade**. The emergency generators at the Twin Knolls and TRW sites have been replaced by Maricopa County as part of their site colocation on the following dates:
  - a. Twin Knolls, December 14, 2015 (funded by Maricopa County site colocation)
  - b. TRW, January 13, 2016 (funded by Maricopa County site colocation)
- 3) Florence Gardens TOPAZ site. It is planned to utilize some of the equipment removed from Thompson Peak when that site was upgraded to create a 4-channel TOPAZ network site at the Florence Gardens site near Florence, AZ. This will enable the City of Mesa Gas Utility to communicate with resources in Mesa when they are providing service in the Magma Gas Service Area without manually switching their radios as they do today. In addition, this will benefit TOPAZ members (in particular Apache Junction Police) when traveling to the Pinal County Jail. There are some minor hardware components required to accomplish this upgrade (less than \$15K in FY15/16), which will be funded by the TOPAZ operations & maintenance budget.
- 4) Additional Channel on Thompson Peak. The Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation (FMYN) added a radio channel to the Thompson Peak site to minimize the impact of their joining the TRWC network. The additional channel was brought in to service February 23, 2016. There was no cost to the TRWC members other than some work to integrate the additional channel into the TRWC network infrastructure. This additional channel increases the capacity of the Thompson Peak site for all TRWC members.

#### **Operations Summary**

System Availability – Please see the system availability chart on page 3. Since the last Administrator update on September 22, 2015, there were two impairments to the network. On October 26, 2015, the TRW site was out of service for 7-1/2 minutes due to an unidentified problem. On November 12, 2015, the Range Rider site was out of service for 4-1/3 hours due to an Internet Protocol (IP) transport network problem. This outage was triggered when troubleshooting of a microwave radio link caused the connection to the Range Rider site to switch to what should have been a redundant path. For unknown reasons, an interface in the redundant path was in an unalarmed state that prevented it from passing IP traffic. There were no complaints of radio coverage problems during either system impairment. For calendar year 2015, the system availability was 99.948%. For fiscal year 2016, the system availability has been 99.913% through January, 2016.

**Airtime and Radio Counts** – the following charts are included:

- 1) Average airtime usage by member for fiscal year 2016 through January, 2016.
- 2) Average number of radios enabled by member for fiscal year 2016 through January, 2016.
- 3) Average airtime usage by service type for fiscal year 2016 through January, 2016.
- 4) Average number of radios enabled by service type for fiscal year 2016 through January, 2016.

#### **Peak Channel Usage** – the following charts are included:

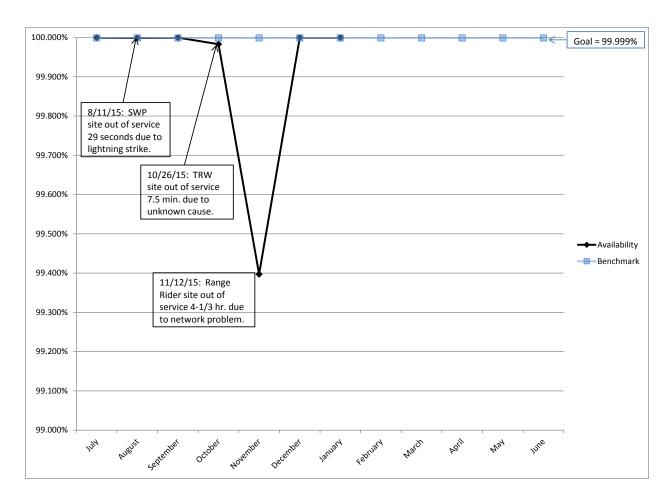
1) Peak channel usage for each site for September, 2015, through January, 2016. It should be noted that the simulcast cell has seen all channels in use during October (1), November (2), and December (2). The Shaw Butte site has seen all channels in use during September (4), October (7), November (6), December (2), and January (9). There have been no complaints of users experiencing busies. As can be seen from the charts, the Thompson Peak site continues to be very lightly loaded.

#### **Upcoming Events:**

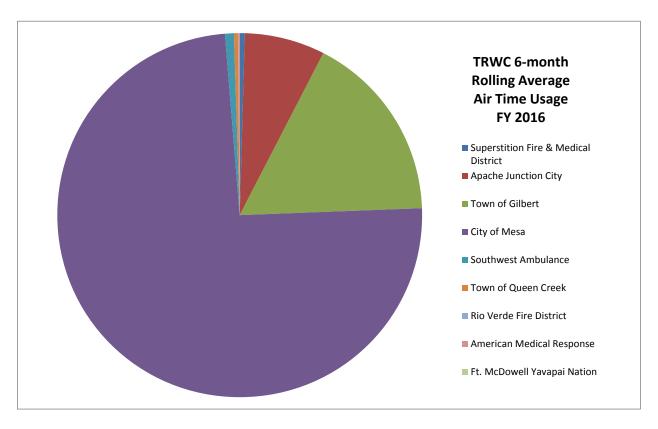
- 1) Testing of Dynamic Site Resiliency (backup radio master site) and geo-redundant prime site (simulcast) capability is planned for 9:00 AM on March 29, 2016.
- 2) The next City of Mesa Communications Building (quarterly) simulated power outage testing is planned for 5:00 AM on April 13, 2016.

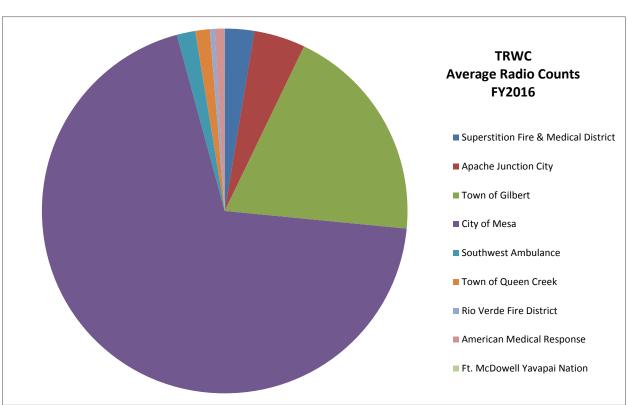
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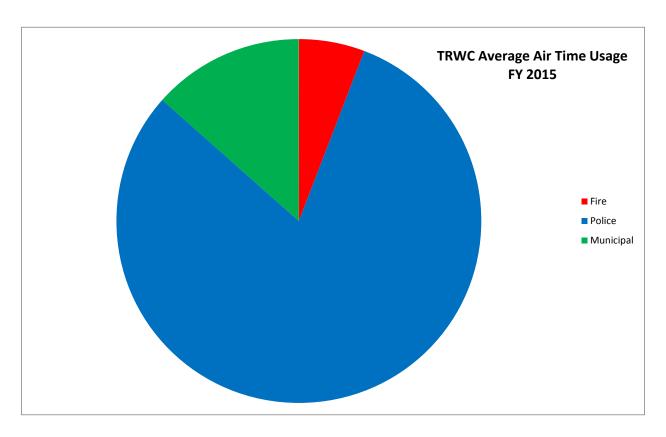
1) Verizon Wireless High Effective Radiated Power (ERP) Long Term Evolution (LTE) Testing in Gilbert. Acting upon the direction from the September 22, 2015, TRWC Board of Directors meeting, letters were sent by Engelman Berger to the Chairman of the Federal Communications Commission and the Chairman of Verizon, Inc., expressing the concerns of the TRWC for potential interference to Public Safety communications by the testing proposed by Verizon Wireless in Gilbert. On October 12, 2015, representatives from Verizon met with representatives of the Town of Gilbert, City of Mesa (TRWC Administrative Manager), TRWC Executive Director Shaw, and other interested parties to discuss the matter. At that meeting, the Verizon Wireless representatives stated that Verizon Wireless decided not to perform the high ERP LTE testing in the State of Arizona.

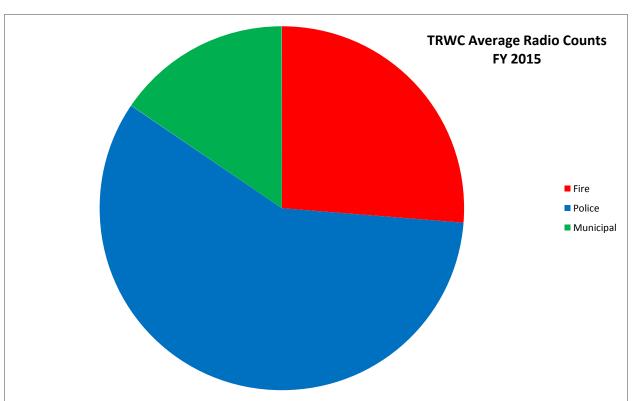


System Availability, July, 2015 through January, 2016

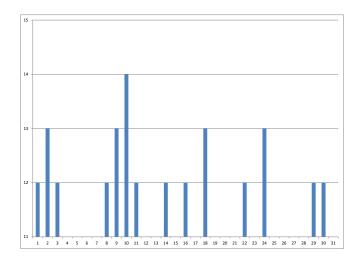




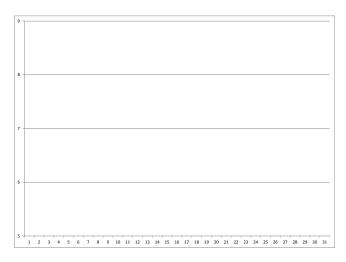




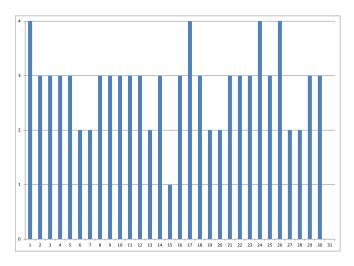
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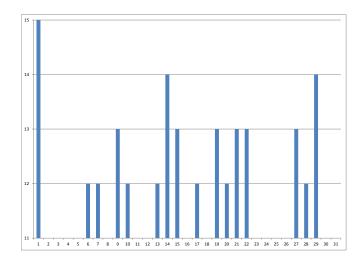
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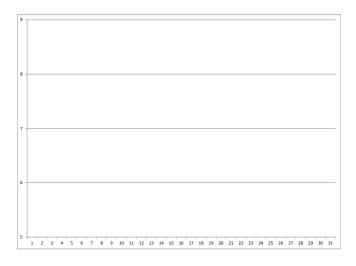
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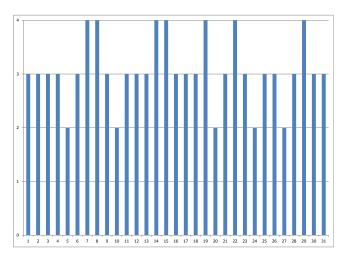
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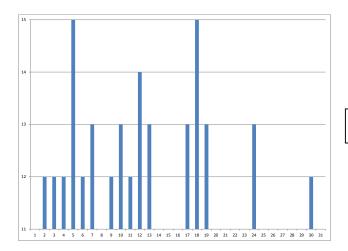
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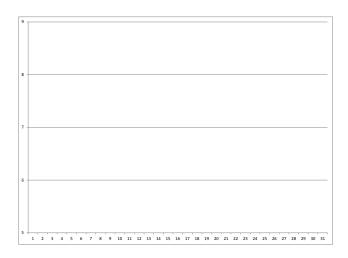
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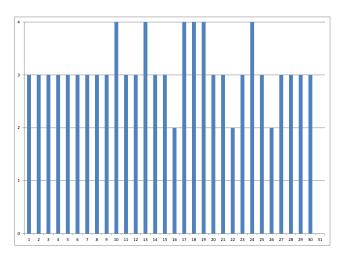
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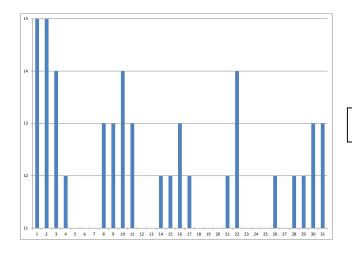
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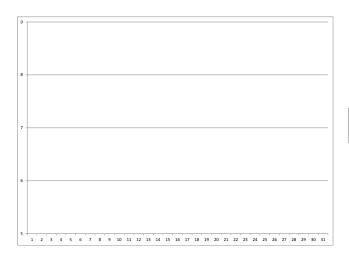
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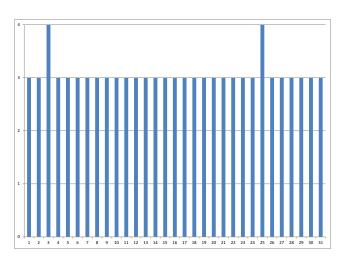
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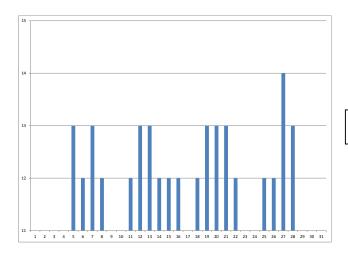
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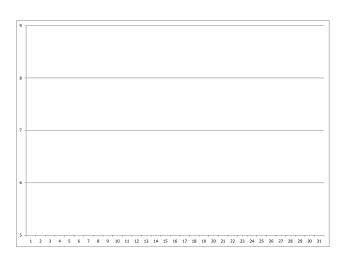
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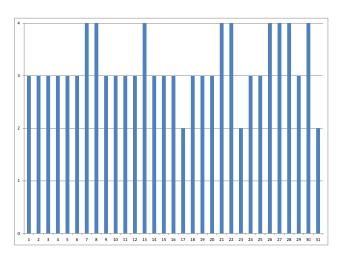
#### **TOPAZ Peak Channel Usage, January, 2016**



#### Simulcast Cell



#### **Thompson Peak**







# Board of Directors Meeting March 3, 2016

VHF Fire Communications System



# Project Status - Budget

Lease Number: 23762

Commencement Date: 10/1/2015

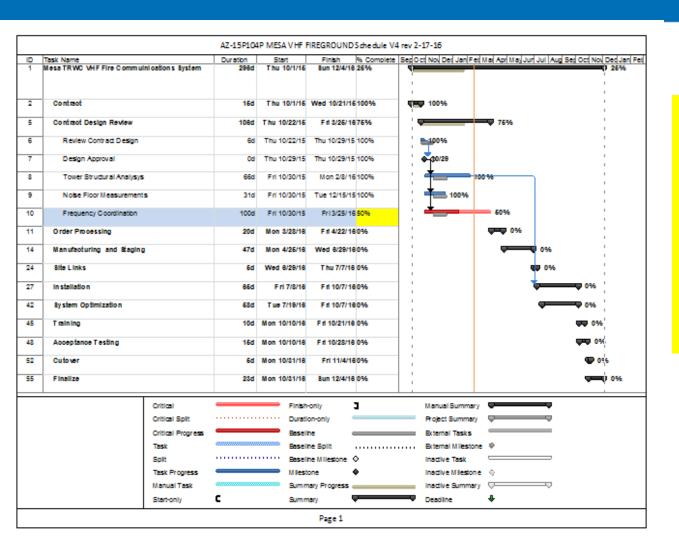
Contract Value: \$1,696,164.24

Payment 1: \$600,000.00 Paid 10/1/15
Payment 2: \$600,000.00 Due 10/1/16
Payment 3: \$496,164.24 Due 10/1/17

- No Change since last meeting
- On Budget
- No Change Orders (scope change) projected at this time



# Project Status - Timeline



#### **Current Status**

- No change since last meeting
- •2 months behind schedule

#### **Mitigation**

 Shorten the installation and optimization durations with additional resources

# Project Status - Performance

**Currently in the Design Review Phase** 

# Frequency Acquisition Issues

- Frequency Acquisition Working with VHF Frequency Coordinator to find four (4) "Clean" VHF Frequencies. Very Iterative Process
- VHF Frequencies are very popular for LMR use due to their excellent range, length of antennas, propagation characteristics and availability of low-cost equipment.
- Ultimate Goal Avoid Having to Purchase Frequencies

# **Tower Loading Issue**

• CRS tower is currently overloaded. Working on identifying antennas and line that can be removed.

