



Marcia Mayeda, Director

February 10, 2026

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
 County of Los Angeles
 383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
 500 West Temple Street
 Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**APPROVE TO UTILIZE FUNDS FROM THE COUNTY'S
 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY FUND FOR THE PURCHASE OF
 201 MOTOROLA APX 8000 RADIOS AND APPROVE
 APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT FY 2025-26
 (ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS) (4-VOTES)**

**CIO RECOMMENDATION: APPROVE (X) APPROVE WITH MODIFICATION
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SUBJECT

The Department of Animal Care and Control (DACC) requests Board approval of an appropriation adjustment and authorization to utilize \$2,280,000 in one-time funding from the County's Information Technology Fund (ITF) for the Department's purchase of 201 Motorola APX 8000 series radios.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

Approve a Fiscal Year 2025-26 appropriation adjustment in the ITF to reallocate \$2,280,000 from Services and Supplies (S&S) to Other Financing Uses and to increase Department's Capital Assets Budget to procure 201 Motorola APX 8000 series radios.

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PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Recent events such as the January 2025 Eaton and Palisades fires have clearly demonstrated how critical reliable communication is during emergencies. High-quality radios become a lifeline in high-stress situations where every second counts, especially when cellphones are unreliable due to poor signal, damaged infrastructure, or network overload. Radios provide instant, push-to-talk communication without dialing numbers or waiting for a connection, enabling first responders and safety personnel to act quickly and effectively.

At DACC many calls involve public safety, which makes fast and clear communication essential. Delays or miscommunication can put human and animal lives at risk. High-quality radios enhance efficiency and coordination by allowing team leaders to immediately relay instructions, share updates, and issue safety alerts across long distances and in noisy, chaotic environments. The radios to be purchased are built to perform in tough conditions, offering strong signal strength, extended battery life, and features like noise-canceling audio to ensure that messages are heard and understood no matter the environment. The radios will also assist DACC in its emergency response efforts and its evacuation and transportation of animals to sheltering sites.

Other County departments such as the County Sheriff's and Fire Departments have already upgraded to advanced radios connected to LA-RICS. This system allows multiple agencies to communicate seamlessly during joint operations, which is vital during large-scale emergencies. Currently DACC lacks this level of interoperability and cannot consistently connect with other first responders, which puts staff, the public, and animals at risk. By investing in updated radios compatible with LA-RICS, DACC can significantly improve its communication capabilities and ensure clear, uninterrupted coordination with partner agencies and other County departments.

Unlike cellphones, radios do not depend on cellular networks or internet access, making them one of the most dependable communication tools in times of disaster. When traditional systems fail, search and rescue teams, emergency response crews, and volunteer organizations regularly rely on radios. For DACC, upgrading its radios isn't just a technical improvement, it is a necessary step toward greater safety, preparedness, and collaboration in future emergencies.

IMPLEMENTATION OF STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS

This proposal directly supports the Countywide Strategic Plan's North Stars, especially North Star Three, which focuses on using innovation and technology to improve services and respond effectively to evolving needs. Drawing from critical lessons learned during the January 2025 Eaton and Palisades wildfires, DACC recognizes the urgent need for a more flexible, modern communications infrastructure. These recent emergencies

exposed communication gaps that hindered rapid response and coordination. By investing in updated, interoperable radios, DACC aims to strengthen its ability to respond quickly and effectively to routine and emergency calls, especially in rural or hard-to-reach areas where staff may not have access to traditional communication networks.

Communication is central to public safety and during every call--whether a routine barking complaint or a more serious public safety matter--DACC staff must be equipped to communicate clearly and without delay. This is especially important when our teams are first on the scene. To maintain public trust and ensure staff and community safety, we must be prepared with the most efficient, reliable tools. Investing in a unified, up-to-date radio system reinforces our commitment to professionalism, responsiveness, and excellence in service delivery.

Additionally, implementing this project enhances internal controls and operational processes by eliminating outdated and fragmented radio systems. Maintaining multiple aging systems is not only inefficient but also costly. A single, modern platform reduces maintenance overhead, simplifies training, and ensures all staff operate on a consistent system. This also supports broader County IT modernization goals and DACC for future enhancements, such as integration with Computer-Aided Dispatch (CAD) systems, GPS tracking for real-time location awareness and encrypted channels for secure communication. This project prioritizes improving daily operations and emergency preparedness, reflecting DACC's dedication to innovation, public safety, and responsible use of public resources.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The ITF, governed by the County's Information Technology Investment Board (ITIB), was established to fund Countywide or multi-departmental technology projects that improve the delivery of services to the public, generate operational improvements to one or more departments or programs, and improve interdepartmental or interagency collaboration.

The ITIB approved the use of \$2,280,000 in one-time funding from the County's ITF on November 5, 2025. The funding will be used to purchase 201 Motorola APX 8000 series radios for daily operations and emergency/disaster preparedness at the Department's seven animal care centers.

Approval of the recommended appropriation adjustment (attached) in the ITF will reallocate \$2,280,000 from S&S to Other Financing Uses and will increase the DACC Capital Assets – Equipment Budget offset with revenue in Operating Transfers In.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

There are no legal requirements or prohibitions related to this recommended action.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

This project is strategically designed to improve all aspects of DACC's operations by significantly enhancing communication within the department and with other County agencies and external partners during public safety emergencies. Effective communication is the backbone of coordinated, timely, and safe responses. By upgrading to more reliable and interoperable radio equipment, DACC staff will be better equipped to respond to various situations from routine calls to high-risk emergencies involving public and animal safety. Whether responding to an aggressive animal, coordinating during an evacuation, or assisting law enforcement in the field, our teams need dependable tools that work in real-time and under pressure.

With modern radios, staff will have stronger confidence and readiness when handling unpredictable fieldwork. Knowing they can instantly connect with colleagues, supervisors, or external agencies--even in remote or high-risk areas--reduces stress and enhances decision-making during emergencies. It also improves officer safety by ensuring help is never more than a radio call away. Reliable communication helps field staff feel supported, connected, and more capable of doing their jobs effectively.

Just as importantly, this project builds public trust. When residents see DACC responding quickly, communicating efficiently, and working with other emergency responders, it reinforces the perception that we are a professional, well-prepared agency. The public expects their safety and the welfare of their animals to be handled by trained personnel with the right tools.

Investing in this technology demonstrates our commitment to service excellence, safety, and professionalism. Ultimately, improving our communication infrastructure is not just about technology; it's about strengthening our ability to protect people, animals, and communities while supporting the well-being of our dedicated staff. This project lays the foundation for smarter, faster, and safer operations across every level of DACC.

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CONCLUSION

Upon Board approval, please return one adopted copy of this board letter to the Department.

Respectfully submitted,



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Director

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Chief Information Officer

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Attachment

c: Chief Executive Office
Chief Information Office
County Counsel
Executive Office

February 03, 2025

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

REQUEST FOR APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

AUDITOR-CONTROLLER:

THE FOLLOWING APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT IS DEEMED NECESSARY BY THIS DEPARTMENT. PLEASE CONFIRM THE ACCOUNTING ENTRIES AND AVAILABLE BALANCES AND FORWARD TO THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER FOR HER RECOMMENDATION OR ACTION.

ADJUSTMENT REQUESTED AND REASONS THEREFORE

FY 2025-26

4 - VOTES

SOURCES

USES

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY INFRASTRUCTURE FUND

B16-AO-2000-40033

SERVICES & SUPPLIES

DECREASE APPROPRIATION

2,280,000

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY INFRASTRUCTURE FUND

B16-AO-6100-40033

OTHER FINANCING USES

INCREASE APPROPRIATION

2,280,000

ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL

A01-AN-96-9911-18950

OPERATING TRANSFERS IN

INCREASE REVENUE

2,280,000

ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL

A01-AN-6030-18950

CAPITAL ASSETS - EQUIPMENT

INCREASE APPROPRIATION

2,280,000

SOURCES TOTAL

\$ 4,560,000

USES TOTAL

\$ 4,560,000

JUSTIFICATION

This adjustment reflects a shift in appropriation from the Information Technology Infrastructure Fund to the Department of Animal Care and Control for the department's acquisition of 201 LA-RICS handheld and mobile radios.

William Leung

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AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE

William Leung, Principal Analyst, CEO

BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S APPROVAL (AS REQUESTED/REVISED)

REFERRED TO THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER FOR---

ACTION

RECOMMENDATION

AUDITOR-CONTROLLER

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DATE **1/2/26**

APPROVED AS REQUESTED

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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