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The Los Angeles Regional Interoperable Communications System (LA-RICS) project was established as a collaborative effort of law enforcement, fire service, and health service professionals with elected and appointed officials working toward providing a single, unified voice and data communication platform for all regional public safety agencies. The LA-RICS project was initiated largely as a result of the events of September 11th which highlighted the need for emergency personnel from different agencies and jurisdictions to be able to communicate with each other.

The LA-RICS project operates under the direction of a joint powers authority representing the interests of local governments and agencies throughout the region. Some agencies also have staff devoted exclusively to the project. In addition to the resources provided by local jurisdictions, there are multiple state and federal grants that have provided funding for the project. The project's timeline, however, has experienced delays resulting from requirements under state and federal law. With the amount of funding and resources dedicated to the project, and in light of the project's delays, the Council should receive a report on the status of the LA-RICS project.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Administrative Officer, Chief Legislative Analyst and Fire Department be instructed, and the Mayor's Office be requested, to provide a verbal report to the Public Safety Committee on the status of the LA-RICS project, including grant funding allocated to the project.

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