

**MINUTES**  
**JOINT POWERS AGENCY BOARD – BI MONTHLY MEETING**  
*Friday, August 19th, 2005*  
**Sierra-Sacramento Valley EMS Agency**

**VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT**

Mariko Yamada  
Jim Holmes  
Don Schrader  
Sue Horne

**REPRESENTING**

Yolo County  
Placer County  
Yuba County  
Nevada County

**VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT**

Larry Montna

**REPRESENTING**

Sutter County

**EX-OFFICIAL MEMBER**

Leonard R. Inch

**REPRESENTING**

S-SV EMS Agency

**LEGAL COUNSEL**

Jo A. McCormack, Counsel

Placer County/S-SV EMS Agency

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Randy Smith  
Todd Conradson  
Victoria Pinette  
Ian Gow  
John Poland  
Ken Wagner  
Robin Yonash  
Tony Corado  
Keith Drone  
Kurt Snyder  
Karl Pedroni  
Adrian Mintz

**REPRESENTING**

Placer Consolidate FPD  
North Tahoe Fire District  
S-SV EMS Agency  
Placer Hills Fire  
AMR  
Roseville Fire Department  
Resident, Placer County  
S. Placer Fire Protection District  
Foresthill Fire Protection District  
Foresthill Fire Protection District  
AMR  
Emergency Reporting

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson Mariko Yamada called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

**WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Self-introductions were made.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**A request was made to move Item 13(b) to the beginning of the agenda. A motion was made by Supervisor Don Schrader to approve the agenda. Supervisor Sue Horne seconded the motion. Chairperson Yamada called the question. The motion was unanimously approved.**

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

**A request was made for public comment by Chairperson Yamada.**

Ms. Robin Yonash suggested that the ambulance contract and agendas and minutes be posted on the website. She also suggested that the Board rotate counties that the meetings were held. Chairperson Yamada thanked Ms. Yonash for her comments and suggestions.

### **PRESENTATION OF GIS STUDY**

Leonard introduced Adrian Mintz. He is the President of Emergency Reporting, Inc. S-SV contracted with him to undertake a GIS project that would assist in developing response times.

Mr. Mintz explained the process of data gathering. Data was utilized from the S-SV prehospital data system and dispatch centers. AMR, Bi-County and Placer County provided the most complete data. A number of maps were created showing the location of responses, the types of calls and the population density. Mr. Mintz pointed out that it is difficult to pinpoint calls without latitude and longitude and at this time only AMR records those data elements. If there were two ALS responders in an area, such as City of Roseville, only the transporting agency data was utilized.

It was very difficult to get data from the dispatch centers. The report included several recommendations to improve the system. When vendors all move to the National Data Set it will be much easier to compile data and do a GIS project. Currently, there are many different standards among the data vendors.

Supervisor Horne expressed disappointment in the lack of Nevada County GIS data. Ms. Horne offered to look into the issue.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

#### **Items 1-9**

A motion was made by Don Schrader to approve the consent agenda. The motion was seconded by Jim Holmes. Chairperson Yamada called the question. The motion was unanimously approved.

A correction to the minutes on page 2, paragraph 4. It should read that there has been no increase to the county contribution. Supervisor Yamada thanked Ruth Alves, Supervisor Holmes aide, for attending the Yolo County lab groundbreaking ceremony.

#### (10) **EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE (EMCC) REPORTS**

##### **a. Bi-County EMCC**

- An exercise occurred at Beale AFB which will be reported at the next meeting.
- Preparation for the Year 4 HRSA grant. They favor keeping the grant with S-SV rather than having the counties manage the grant.

**b. Placer EMCC**

- No meeting since our last JPA meeting

**c. Yolo EMCC**

- They voted to establish an MCI subcommittee to analyze data provided by CHP and S-SV.

**d. Nevada**

- They reported that Dr. Brent Packer has been hired as the Health Officer
- Formed a subcommittee to discuss the contract, but had no report.

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**OLD BUSINESS**

- a. Fee Schedule. Supervisor Horne questioned the range. It was clarified that it will be based entirely on staff hours. Supervisor Holmes stated that he and Supervisor Yamada met with the Placer County Fire Chiefs to discuss their concerns. At that meeting Supervisor Holmes suggested a percentage of the fire agencies budget be utilized for EMS fees. Chief Smith stated that it was discussed but discarded for a number of reasons. A letter was received from the Placer County Fire Chiefs requesting that the fees be charged in arrears. City of Roseville stated they are opposed to the fee schedule. They feel it unduly punishes ALS providers who wish to provide services at considerable expense. Chief Wagner feels that the stakeholders should have been consulted earlier. Supervisor Schrader made the motion to approve the fee schedule to be charged in arrears, Supervisor Horne seconded. The motion carried unanimously.
- b. Prevention 2000 Grants. The federal government reduced the amount of grant funding by 30%. These are designated as local assistance funds. S-SV made a diligent effort to restore this funding. Unfortunately, the State EMS Authority decided to keep this money at the State level to fund EMSA staffing. We will work through this issue with the State EMS Administrator's Association and the new EMSA director.

- c. Ambulance Contract. Leonard gave a status update to the Board on the exclusive ambulance contracts. We have two sessions with AMR. Supervisor Yamada will sit in on the negotiations for Yolo County since some of the language will be the same for both Placer and Yolo Counties. Leonard and Vickie attended a meeting set by Chief Tony Clarabut, CDF, so that fire chiefs could gain clarification on some issues and ask questions. The draft that is out for review is currently under negotiation and no updates are being made until the negotiations are complete. Comments received are discussed during negotiations.
- d. Meeting with regional fire chiefs. Discussed previously.

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**LEGISLATION REVIEW**

Leonard handed out the report which gives a status of all the bills. Leonard reported that he is the Chair of the legislative committee of the EMS Administrators Association. Leonard discussed the Trauma Care Fund. The Governor budgeted \$10 million for trauma care.

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**NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Formation of Yolo County MCI Task Force - Supervisor Yamada discussed the increasing numbers of MCIs in Yolo County. Yolo County Board of Supervisors has created a 90-day task force to look into this problem.
- b. GIS – discussed previously.
- c. Foresthill Safety Club – Leonard discussed the Foresthill Safety Club’s merger with Foresthill Fire and the effect on exclusivity. We met with the attorneys and the fire chief to determine how to maintain the exclusivity. The best way is for the fire department to buy the Foresthill Safety Club.
- d. County Contribution Increase – An increase in the county contribution was discussed. Staff prepared a table showing the current rate and the impact of an increase of .01 cent through .05 cents. The JPA Board has the authority under the JPA agreement to increase the county

- contribution. The counties, with the exception of Sutter, are in favor of increasing the per capita increase. In order to balance the budget the per capita contribution would have to be .40 cents. Chairperson Yamada asked that this be an action item on the October agenda.
- e. Yuba College audit – Staff conducted the record keeping audit of the Yuba College EMT-I program. We discovered that they do not always issue course completion certificates for re-certification classes. The college was not keeping records in a central location. They are taking steps to correct this issue. A letter is being sent to Yuba College with the results of our review.

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**INFORMATION UPDATE**

-Leonard handed out a memo from Dr.Koenig regarding a study on response times. Response times are a contract issue. The study shows that a faster response times have little effect on patient care. There may be an improved clinical difference if a response can arrive within 3-4 minutes, but not at 8 or 10 minutes. Finances are a consideration when determining response times for a system.

-Audit begins next week.

-Leonard announced at the Trauma Quality Improvement Committee that the Kiwanis is embarking on a pediatric program.

-Leonard reported that he met with the new EMS Authority Director, Dr. Cesar Ariestigueta, in Los Angeles last week.

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**CORRESPONDENCE**

Noted

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**S-SV EMS PROGRESS REPORT**

Attached

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**CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Board unanimously approved a 6.5% salary increase for management and \$50 per month additional towards the health care premium. The Board approved the Agency to pay 2% of the employee contribution towards PERS. The actions were retroactive to July 1, 2005.

**NEXT JPA GOVERNING BOARD MEETING**

The next regular meeting of the JPA Governing Board of Directors is scheduled for:

Friday October 21 , 2005 - at 1:00 p.m.  
S-SV EMS Agency - Conference Room

**ADJOURNMENT**

Supervisor Yamada requested that the time of the Board meetings be placed on the agenda. Supervisor Yamada adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

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Vickie Pinette                      Date  
Associate Director

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Mariko Yamada                      Date  
Chairperson