



**Sierra – Sacramento Valley EMS Agency
Joint Powers Agency (JPA) Governing Board Meeting**



MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Friday, September 13, 2024

MEETING ATTENDANCE

BOARD MEMBERS			
MEMBER	REPRESENTING	PRESENT	ABSENT
Bill Connelly	Butte County		X
Merced Corona	Colusa County	X	
Grant Carmon	Glenn County	X	
Susan Hoek (Chairperson)	Nevada County	X	
Jim Holmes	Placer County	X	
Tim Garman	Shasta County	X	
Brandon Criss	Siskiyou County	X	
Nick Micheli	Sutter County		X
Matt Hansen	Tehama County	X	
Don Blaser	Yuba County	X	
EX-OFFICIO MEMBER			
MEMBER	REPRESENTING	PRESENT	ABSENT
John Poland	S-SV EMS Agency	X	
LEGAL COUNSEL			
ATTENDEE	REPRESENTING	PRESENT	ABSENT
Clayton Cook/Anastasia Sullivan	S-SV EMS Agency/Placer County	X	
CLERK OF THE BOARD			
ATTENDEE	REPRESENTING	PRESENT	ABSENT
Amy Boryczko	S-SV EMS Agency	X	

MEETING ATTENDANCE (CONTINUED)

OTHER ATTENDEES	
ATTENDEE	REPRESENTING
Troy Falck	S-SV EMS Agency
Kristy Harlan	S-SV EMS Agency
Patrick Comstock	S-SV EMS Agency
Gabe Cruz	AMR
Jennifer James	S-SV EMS Agency
Mary Thomas	S-SV EMS Agency

MEETING MINUTES

A. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Supervisor Hoek called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. and led attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

All in-person and remote attendees introduced themselves.

C. BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Supervisor Blaser mentioned a national pumpkin weigh-off at Bishop's Pumpkin Farm in Wheatland on September 28th.

D. ACTION TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Supervisor Holmes motioned to approve the consent agenda. Supervisor Garman seconded. A roll call of votes was called: Ayes=8 (Placer, Nevada, Colusa, Shasta, Tehama, Siskiyou, Glenn and Yuba Counties). Noes=0. Absent=2 (Butte and Sutter Counties). Motion approved.

E. PUBLIC COMMENT:

None was forthcoming.

F. INFORMATION UPDATE – Oral Update by John Poland:

1. Ambulance Response Times

- Mr. Poland noted that all of the EOA providers are doing well with no significant response time issues.

- Since the transition to AMR and the additional 24-hour ambulance, the response times in Colusa and Williams were 100% in July. Everything seems to be going well there.
- There are some challenges in Glenn County, that should be addressed with the upcoming additional 12-hour ambulance.
- The response time compliance for June and July in Shasta County, is lower than it has been previously. Ms. Harlan explained that the data is calculated differently now than it used to be since S-SV EMS now has access to the SHASCOM data.
 - There continue to be long patient offload times in the Shasta County area. Times have been improving at the hospital and will hopefully improve with the compliance times as well.
 - Supervisor Garman commented on the importance of quick Ambulance response times and thanked the current providers for their service.
- Any questions or concerns regarding ambulance response times should be directed to Mr. Poland or Ms. Harlan, S-SV EMS Contracts Compliance Manager.

2. County Updates

- Butte County
 - They're a year into the new EOA agreement with no significant issues/concerns.
 - The next ambulance advisory committee meeting is scheduled for September 23. It was rescheduled from August, due to the Thompson and Park Fires.
 - The Butte County CSA-37 in the Biggs-Gridley area has built up a fund balance that will need to be spent on EMS/ambulance services in that area. S-SV EMS will be working with Butte County and BCEMS related to this matter.
- Colusa County
 - The new EOA provider, AMR, started on April 1st and things are going well.
 - For the first 5 months of the new provider, there was a 28% year over year increase in patient ground ambulance transports and an increase in out-of-county transports.
 - There has been a 24% decrease in helicopter inter-facility transports.
- Glenn County
 - Westside Ambulance recently made it known publicly that they are running a \$180K annual deficit. They are a non-profit organization and will be going to the Orland City Council next week to see if one of the tax measures might apply to them. They may also approach Glenn County for additional funding.
 - Enloe EMS (Willows amb.) has been experiencing an approx. \$100K annual deficit.
 - Glenn County and the City of Orland previously committed funding to staff an additional 12-hr ambulance. They ordered the ambulance almost a year ago and are expecting delivery of it next week. They anticipate the ambulance running at the end of October. This ambulance will be available for the entire County of Glenn.
 - Glenn Medical Center has made significant process improvements recently.
 - S-SV EMS has been working with Glenn County and their EMS Core/EMT training program, which will also include Butte and Colusa counties). This is a wrap-around training program that helps disadvantaged youth 18 years and older and puts them through EMT training. There will be 80 students in total. They anticipate starting the program in March 2025.

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- Nevada County
 - Rough and Ready/Penn Valley FD/Nevada Consolidated continue their merger process.
 - Grass Valley FD is now full time ALS. They have Paramedics on their engines now.
- Placer County
 - S-SV is finalizing the approval for the Sierra College Paramedic training program. They're waiting for one last piece of documentation which is the national accrediting body's Letter of Review (LOR). Once that's in place, they will be approved. They anticipate starting the program in the spring on the Rocklin Campus.
 - The AMR grandfathered EOA expires in November 2025.
 - S-SV EMS has met with the County, Fire Chiefs, and other Stakeholders and there is an agreement to work on developing an EOA extension.
 - S-SV EMS will be setting up meetings with all stakeholder groups to get feedback/recommendations related to the EOA extension
 - If for some reason no agreement can be reached, there are other options that can be considered.
- Shasta County
 - Southern Cascade Ambulance (neighboring Modoc County) is no longer providing ALS or ambulance services. Meyers Memorial Hospital Ambulance has been responding to their calls for the past several months and will continue to do so.
- Siskiyou County
 - Butte Valley Ambulance is getting ready to come back into service. They have 4-5 individuals that should be EMTs soon.
- Sutter/Yuba Counties
 - 9 months into the new Bi-County Ambulance EOA agreement.
 - Their previous paramedic staffing shortages have been resolved and there are no significant issues with this area.
- Tehama County
 - No issues or concerns.

3. S-SV EMS Agency Updates

- The new S-SV EMS online license management system (LMS) has been fully implemented. Mr. Poland thanked Patrick Comstock and Whitney Sullivan for their help managing this large project which includes 5000+ EMS credentialed EMS personnel. There have been a few technological issues, but they are being worked out. The Agency has received good feedback so far.
- The S-SV EMS website has been recently updated.
- The S-SV EMS specialty patient registry (STEMI, stroke & trauma) transition is still on track for implementation by the end of 2024.
- S-SV EMS has made some significant updates to the multi-casualty incident protocol and plan. The proposed changes will be discussed during the October REMAC meeting.
- The FY23/24 annual audit took place in August and went well. The audit presentation is scheduled for the November JPA Board meeting.
- There have been some continuing issues with the use of private USFS EMS vendors on wildfire incidents. S-SV EMS continues to work with the USFS and EMSA on this matter.

G. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Resolution allowing the S-SV EMS Regional Executive Director to sign budgeted or unbudgeted time sensitive contracts not to exceed \$10,000 – for approval.**
 - Since all contracts must be approved by the Board, this resolution allows Mr. Poland to sign anything that is time sensitive, between JPA meetings or otherwise. All contracts will still be placed on the agenda for ratification at the next JPA Board meeting.
 - Supervisor Holmes motioned to approve. Supervisor Corona seconded. A roll call of votes was called: Ayes=8 (Placer, Nevada, Colusa, Shasta, Tehama, Siskiyou, Glenn and Yuba Counties). Noes=0. Absent=2 (Butte and Sutter Counties). Motion approved.

H. OLD BUSINESS

- There was no old business.

I. LEGISLATION

1. EMS Legislative Bills Report

- AB 1168 would allow the City of Oxnard to provide ambulance services that they do not otherwise qualify for under current EMS statutes. Most counties are opposed to this bill. This bill passed the legislature and is awaiting action from the Governor.
- AB 1792 – Requires EMSA to develop standards on/before 1/01/2027 (and update them every 5-years), for personal protective equipment for ambulance personnel. This bill passed the legislature and is awaiting action from the Governor.
- AB 2225 – Addresses EMS QI committee civil protections. This bill passed the legislature and is awaiting action from the Governor.
- AB 2859 – Authorizes an EMS provider to establish a peer support and crisis referral program to provide a network of peer representatives available to aid fellow employees on emotional or professional issues. This bill passed the legislature and is awaiting action from the Governor.
- SB 1180 - Requires a health care service plan to include coverage for services provided by a community paramedicine program, a triage to alternate destination program, and a mobile integrated health program. This bill passed the legislature and is awaiting action from the Governor.
- Supervisor Blaser mentioned SB 43 (previously signed into law) which expands the definition of 'gravely disability' to include substance abuse disorders. Mr. Poland stated that all S-SV EMS counties choose to delay implementation until 2026 and that the agency will keep an eye on its impacts to the EMS system once implemented.

2. AB40 (Ambulance Patient Offload Delays)

- This bill passed last year. The regulations development workgroup was supposed to meet in January but was delayed due to the State budget issues and met earlier this week for the first time.
- All California hospitals had to submit an APOT reduction protocol to EMSA by 9/1/24.
- There will have to be an electronic automated method to document the time that the patient is transferred from the ambulance to the hospital.

- EMSA will be required to facilitate meetings with hospitals that are out of compliance and other EMS system stakeholders. The majority of hospitals in the S-SV EMS region are compliant with the S-SV EMS established APOT standard of 30 minutes or less 90 percent of the time.

3. California EMS Regulations

- EMSA has recently completed the renumbering all Title 22 EMS regulations. EMSA indicated that they will now begin updating the individual regulations chapters, beginning with the specialty systems of care (STEMI, stroke & trauma). Many of the current regulations are outdated and in need of updating. EMSA is also working on a new Chapter of regulations to address EMS system design, organization, LEMSA requirements, EMS pre-hospital provider requirements, contracting, RFPs, EMS Plans.

J. MEDICAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Dr. Falck had no report.

K. CLOSED SESSION

- Closed Session convened at 2:00 pm
ITEM 1. Government Code § 54957 - Regional Executive Director Performance review
- **CLOSED SESSION REPORT** – reconvened at 2:11pm
The Board conducted the Regional Executive Director's annual performance review. The Board heard a report and provided feedback and voted to provide a step increase (step C to D) for the Regional Executive Director. That was approved by the Board in a vote of 8-0, with 2 absent.

L. NEXT JPA GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

- The next JPA Board meeting is scheduled for Friday, November 8, 2024, 1:00 p.m., 535 Menlo Drive, Suite A, Rocklin, CA or via videoconference at 1255 East St., Suite 201, Redding, CA.

M. ADJOURNMENT

- Mr. Poland mentioned that at the next meeting, the proposed meeting schedule will be presented and he wondered if the Board would like any changes made to the meeting schedule. The Board wanted to make sure there were no schedule conflicts with the various committees they sit on.
- Mr. Poland introduced S-SV EMS's newest employee, the RDMHS replacement for Patti Carter, Mary Thomas.
- The meeting was adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted,


Amy Boryczko, Clerk to the Board

11-08-2024
Date


Sue Hoek, Chairperson

11-8-2024
Date

