



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



**MEETING MINUTES**

| Meeting Date  |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Friday, February 14, 2025</li> </ul> |

**MEETING ATTENDANCE**

| BOARD MEMBERS            |                               |         |        |
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| MEMBER                   | REPRESENTING                  | PRESENT | ABSENT |
| Bill Connelly            | Butte County                  | X       |        |
| Merced Corona            | Colusa County                 | X       |        |
| Monica Rossman           | Glenn County                  | X       |        |
| Susan Hoek (Chairperson) | Nevada County                 |         | X      |
| Cindy Gustafson          | Placer County                 | X       |        |
| Matt Plummer             | Shasta County                 | X       |        |
| Jess Harris              | Siskiyou County               | X       |        |
| Jeff Boone               | Sutter County                 | X       |        |
| Pati Nolen               | Tehama County                 | X       |        |
| Seth Fuhrer              | Yuba County                   |         | X      |
| EX-OFFICIO MEMBER        |                               |         |        |
| MEMBER                   | REPRESENTING                  | PRESENT | ABSENT |
| John Poland              | S-SV EMS Agency               | X       |        |
| LEGAL COUNSEL            |                               |         |        |
| ATTENDEE                 | REPRESENTING                  | PRESENT | ABSENT |
| 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)**

| <b>OTHER ATTENDEES</b> |                         |
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| <b>ATTENDEE</b>        | <b>REPRESENTING</b>     |
| Troy Falck             | S-SV EMS Agency         |
| Michelle Moss          | S-SV EMS Agency         |
| Patrick Comstock       | S-SV EMS Agency         |
| Gabe Cruz              | AMR                     |
| Jennifer James         | S-SV EMS Agency         |
| Jared Gunter           | S-SV EMS Agency         |
| Whitney Sullivan       | S-SV EMS Agency         |
| Tim Reeser             | AMR                     |
| Reggie Williams        | Fire Chiefs Association |
| Alex Bumpus            | BiCounty Ambulance      |
| Sophie Fox             | Placer County           |
| Matt Hansen            | Tehama County           |

**MEETING MINUTES**

**A. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Supervisor Corona called the meeting to order at 1:06 p.m. and led attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**B. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

All in-person and remote attendees introduced themselves.

**C. CLOSED SESSION**

Closed Session convened at 1:09 pm

**Item 1. Government Code § 54956.9** - Anticipated Litigation: Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to subdivision (d)(2) of Government Code § 54956.9: One potential case.

**CLOSED SESSION REPORT** – reconvened at 1:18 pm

- The Board met in closed session to consider one item – anticipated litigation.
- The Board heard a report. No action was requested or taken.

**D. BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no Board member announcements.

**E. ACTION TO APPROVE CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS**

Supervisor Nolen motioned to approve the consent calendar. Supervisor Connelly seconded. A roll call of votes was called: Ayes=6 (Placer, Colusa, Shasta, Tehama, Glenn and Butte Counties). Noes=0. Absent=4 (Nevada, Siskiyou, Yuba and Sutter Counties). Motion approved.

**F. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None was forthcoming.

Note: Supervisor Harris joined the meeting at 1:22 pm.

Note: Supervisor Boone arrived at 1:24 pm

**G. INFORMATION UPDATE – Oral Update by John Poland:**

**1. 911 Ground Ambulance Response Times**

- Westside Ambulance (Glenn County) added an additional ground ambulance to the system in December which has helped improve response times.
- Penn Valley Fire District (Nevada County) had a busy December, including additional mutual aid calls for Sierra Nevada Ambulance, which caused the to be a little below their 90<sup>th</sup> percentile compliance requirement. They were compliant for the remainder of 2024.
- There are no response times for Shasta County for the final months of 2024 due to difficulties with dispatch center data. S-SV EMS staff continue to work with SHASCOM Dispatch to resolve these issues. There will be response time for the next board meeting that will go back to January 1<sup>st</sup>. There have been no specific issues or concerns that staff of aware of.
- All other areas are compliant with established response time standards.
- Any questions or concerns regarding ambulance response times should be directed to Mr. Poland or Ms. Harlan, S-SV EMS Agency Contracts Compliance Manager.

**2. Member County Updates**

- See the attached file for updates.
- Mr. Poland asked the Board if they would rather have the Member County updates in the packet in written form or continue to report verbally as he has been. The Board prefers the verbal report but would like the written as well.

**3. S-SV EMS Agency Updates**

- S-SV EMS staff finalized and submitted the 2024 EMS Plan that is required by the State EMS Authority. Eventually this should transition to an online process.

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- Mr. Poland has been appointed by EMSAAC to participate on the STEMI and Stroke Technical Advisory Committee. He attended the first meeting last week.
- Mr. Poland introduced the newest S-SV EMS Agency staff member, Jared Gunter. Jared comes to the agency from the Yolo County LEMSA. He will be helping with mostly clinical and some operational agency tasks.
- Several S-SV EMS staff are doing field ride-a-longs with transport and non-transport providers. It's good to see what the providers challenges are, and make sure the policies/protocols are being followed.
- Mr. Poland will start working on the FY 25/26 fiscal budget soon. He will present a draft budget at the April meeting, and a final version for approval at the June meeting.

#### 4. EMSA 12-2025 APOT Report

- This was presented at the California EMS Commission meeting in December.
- This is the Ambulance Patient Offload Time delays report for all of California.
- On page 6, the map shows that the S-SV EMS region is less than the 30-minute 90<sup>th</sup> percentile patient offload time maximum allowed standard.
- Kaiser Roseville, Sutter Roseville, and both Redding hospitals have had APOT challenges and have all done a lot of work to improve.
- Due to flu, January was rough for all hospitals but is already starting to improve.
- On page 9, the S-SV EMS Region is the 6<sup>th</sup> highest for total number of patient offloads, and the 16<sup>th</sup> highest for patient offload times. There is more work to be done.

#### 5. EMSA EMS Professionals Annual Data

- This was presented at the California EMS Commission meeting in December.
- EMSA has determined the CA EMS workforce has rebounded, post COVID-19 pandemic, to a total of 92,915 personnel. Utilizing data from SFY 2022/23 to 2023/24 in the Central Registry record system, EMSA identified a 3% increase in paramedic licenses and EMT certifications, respectively.
- Caucasian male adults are the predominant ethnicity/race and gender of all EMS professionals among those who elected to disclose their demographic information. Hispanic or Latino was the second highest ethnicity, followed by Asian.
- The majority of EMT's are between 21 and 30 yrs. of age whereas, paramedics tend to be between 31 and 40 yrs. of age. Only 16% of all licensed paramedics retain their CA EMT certification, suggesting the EMT scope of practice is an entry-level, temporary profession for those moving on to paramedicine.
- A key addition to this report is the incorporation of Community Paramedicine (CP) and Triage to Alternate Destination (TAD) training and services during the FY 2023/24. The CA system has 67 CP accredited paramedics and 1,007 TAD accredited paramedics.
- Mr. Poland has had recent conversations with Butte County Public Health and Butte County Behavioral Health about a possible sobering center in Butte County. The challenge is they must have an RN 24 hours/day 365 days/year.

**H. NEW BUSINESS**

1. Western Placer County EMS System Review Contractor RFP– *for approval.*
  - There are 4 Exclusive Operating Areas (EOA) in Placer County. AMR is the largest zone and there are agreements with South Placer FD, North Tahoe FD, and Foresthill FD.
  - There has been significant growth in Placer County in the past 20 years.
  - S-SV EMS has never conducted a formal EMS system assessment of Western Placer County. The Eastern and Western systems of Placer County are very different.
  - The current AMR grandfathered EOA is up for renewal on 11/30/25. This process began about a year ago with meetings with the County, the Western Placer County Fire Chief Association and other EMS system participants/stakeholders.
  - S-SV EMS was initially planning on developing a replacement/enhanced EOA agreement with AMR but has decided to do an assessment of Western Placer County.
  - S-SV EMS will negotiate/execute a short-term 2-year EOA renewal with AMR, with appropriate improvements, while the EMS system assessment is conducted, and long-term recommendations are made.
  - Based on conversations Mr. Poland has had with several California LEMSAs that have recently done similar assessments, the anticipated cost will be between \$75K - \$100K to complete. Though the money will be paid on the front end, these costs will be recovered through the subsequent long-term contracting process.
  - The hope is that the assessment will be completed by the end of this calendar year.
  - Rocklin Fire Department Fire Chief Reginald Williams, representing the Western Placer Fire Chiefs Association, commented that they are excited about the assessment.
  - Supervisor Gustafson motioned to approve. Supervisor Connelly seconded. A roll call of votes was called: Ayes=8 (Placer, Colusa, Butte, Sutter, Shasta, Tehama, Siskiyou, and Glenn Counties). Noes=0. Absent=2 (Nevada and Yuba Counties). Motion approved.
  
2. **Health & Safety Code § 1797.230 Ambulance Contract Resolution – *for approval***
  - The California legislature passed legislation a few years ago that requires a 'Board of Supervisors' to pass a resolution that contains certain system items/issues to be considered/addressed prior to entering into or renewing a future contract for ground ambulance services. The statutory language specifically states 'Board of Supervisors' and does not mention a multicounty LEMSA JPA Board, even though ½ of California counties are part of a multicounty LEMSA. Mr. Poland believes this was a drafting error and there was no specific legislative intent to leave out multicounty LEMSAs that do not report directly to a BOS and where the BOS is not the contract signatory. This has been recently confirmed by the California EMS Authority and is expected to be clarified in upcoming regulations that this statutory language applies to all LEMSAs. Mr. Poland stated that S-SV EMS already follows all the HSC 1797.230 requirements, so this is primarily a compliance/paperwork issue. Mr. Poland requested the JPA Board to adopt the resolution to ensure compliance with current statutes and expected future regulations related to this matter.
  - Supervisor Nolen motioned to approve. Supervisor Boone seconded. A roll call of votes was called: Ayes=8 (Placer, Colusa, Butte, Sutter, Shasta, Tehama, Siskiyou, and Glenn Counties). Noes=0. Absent=2 (Nevada and Yuba Counties). Motion approved.

**I. OLD BUSINESS**

- There was no old business.

**J. LEGISLATION**

- Legislative/regulation updates are attached.

**K. MEDICAL DIRECTOR’S REPORT**

- Dr. Falck mentioned that all hospitals throughout the State are extremely busy, primarily due to Influenza A. This is the worst flu season since 2009. There was some discussion regarding why this was the case, including if Dr. Falck believed that more vaccines and potentially weaker immune systems may be a contributing factor. Dr. Falck indicated that there is no current clinical data to support this and that the reasons for recent increased hospital visits/admissions multi-factorial (including patients with long-term health issues that delayed necessary medical care during the pandemic).
- The COVID numbers are the lowest they’ve been since the pandemic.
- The attention to the bird flu is a little overblown. One person has died. It is not transmissible from person to person. There have, however, been 31K deaths this year due to the flu.
- The Butte County sobering center opened 8/1/2024. S-SV EMS staff and Dr. Falck are going to try and visit this center soon and will be working with them to identify if this location may be able to become an alternate destination for appropriate EMS patients in the future.

**L. NEXT JPA GOVERNING BOARD MEETING**

- The next JPA Board meeting will be for Friday, April 11, 2025, 1:00 p.m., 535 Menlo Drive, Suite A, Rocklin, CA or via videoconference at 1255 East St., Suite 201, Redding, CA.
- The meeting adjourned at 2:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Amy Boryczko, Clerk to the Board

4/16/25  
Date

  
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Sue Hoek, Chairperson  
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4/11/25  
Date