



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



MEETING MINUTES

MEETING DATE

- Friday, June 13, 2025

MEETING ATTENDANCE

BOARD MEMBERS			
MEMBER	REPRESENTING	PRESENT	ABSENT
Bill Connelly	Butte County	X	
Merced Corona	Colusa County		X
Grant Carmon	Glenn County	X - Zoom	
Susan Hoek (Chairperson)	Nevada County	X	
Cindy Gustafson	Placer County	X	
Matt Plummer	Shasta County	X	
Jess Harris	Siskiyou County	X- Zoom	
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)

OTHER ATTENDEES	
ATTENDEE	REPRESENTING
Troy Falck, MD	S-SV EMS Agency
Patrick Comstock	S-SV EMS Agency
Gabe Cruz	AMR
Jennifer James	S-SV EMS Agency
Tim Reeser	AMR
Alex Bumpus	Bi-County Ambulance

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A. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Supervisor Hoek (Chairperson) called the meeting to order at 1:15 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

There were no Board member announcements.

Note: Supervisor Plummer joined the meeting at 1:18 pm.

D. ACTION TO APPROVE CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS

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

E. PUBLIC COMMENT:

None was forthcoming.

F. INFORMATION UPDATE – Oral Update by John Poland, Regional Executive Director:

Note: Supervisor Connelly arrived at 1:37 pm

1. 911 Ground Ambulance Response Times – attachment and verbal report

- Response times data reports were included in the meeting packet and will be posted on the S-SV EMS Agency website.
- Mr. Poland provided the following additional comments:
 - There has been a small decrease in ambulance response volume and hospital patient volume which coincides with this time of year. It's expected to go back up as summer starts.
 - There have been some difficulties in Shasta County with the accuracy of data from SHASCOM. S-SV EMS staff continue to work on this matter.
 - 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 – attachment and verbal report

- Mr. Poland presented the information contained in the written report included in the meeting packet for this agenda item.
- Regarding the Glenn Medical Center's Critical Access Hospital Designation, Supervisor Carmon asked if the Board would consider sending a letter in support. Mr. Poland commented that he had sent a letter on behalf of the S-SV EMS Agency. A letter would need to be agendaized and will be considered, if needed, for the next meeting.
- Proposed emergency regulations were recently released from the EMS Authority related to ambulance patient offload time matters. There is a 5-day public comment period.

3. S-SV EMS Agency Updates – attachment and verbal report

- Mr. Poland presented the information contained in the written report included in the meeting packet for this agenda item and provided the following additional comments:
 - The S-SV EMS Agency recently submitted an EMS buprenorphine utilization grant to provide additional medication assisted treatment options for patients with opioid use disorder. Stanislaus and Ventura counties were recently awarded similar grants. The Sutter/Yuba counties Health Officer, Dr. Luu, is working with the S-SV EMS Agency on this matter. Mr. Poland was asked if other counties could be involved in the grant. Mr. Poland explained that if the Agency is awarded the grant other interested counties/providers could also be included/added at that time.

G. NEW BUSINESS

1. S-SV EMS Agency FY 2025/2026 Final Budget – *for approval.*

- As communicated at the previous meeting, Sutter and Yuba counties will take over the management of their HPP grants beginning July 1, 2025. These were the last county HPP grants that have been managed by S-SV EMS. Since most of the grants are pass-through funding, it will not have a significant impact on the FY 25/26 Agency budget. Applicable revenue/expenditure changes are included in the proposed budget.

- The Glenn County (pass-through) Westside Ambulance subsidy revenues and expenditures have been adjusted now that the ongoing costs are better known.
- There is additional revenue listed under the franchise agreements line item to reflect additional reimbursements, including consultant costs, related to the AMR Placer County EOA Agreement renewal that will be finalized during FY 25/26.
- Mr. Poland added additional member county population details on the applicable revenue line items to reflect the recently released Department of Finance population figures. There were minor population changes from the previous year. The Agency continues to maintain the same \$10K base and .42 cents per capita member contribution formula that has been in the JPA agreement for many years.
- The proposed FY 25/26 budget is balanced, without increasing fees, and includes the final year of the Board approved 3% COLA increase (effective 7/1/25) for Agency staff.

Supervisor Gustafson motioned to approve the Final Budget. Supervisor Boone seconded. A roll call of votes was called: Ayes=6 (Placer, Sutter, Nevada, Glenn, Siskiyou and Shasta counties). Noes=0. Absent=4 (Colusa, Yuba, Butte and Tehama counties). Motion approved.

H. OLD BUSINESS

None

I. LEGISLATION

1. EMS legislative/regulation updates

- Mr. Poland presented the information contained in the written update report included in the meeting packet.
- Mr. Poland was asked about legislation regarding e-bikes/scooters. Mr. Poland stated that there have been a few legislation bills passed over the last couple of years related to these matters. The electronic patient care reports used by EMS will also now be documenting these types of injuries.
- Mr. Poland was asked about requirements for firefighters to respond to medical calls. The Agency will never prevent firefighters from responding to medical calls, and there is statutory language that prevents this. In some areas that utilize medical priority dispatch, fire departments have identified certain non-emergent calls where their response is not necessary, so they no longer respond to such calls. The Agency supports this process if these calls are appropriately identified by the applicable dispatch center.
- Regulation Updates
 - Chapter 1 – This is the new chapter of regulations to address EMS system design, LEMSA responsibilities, RFP processes, EMS plans, etc. Mr. Poland has been working with the State EMS Authority since March of last year on a workgroup that has been developing these regulations. It is anticipated that draft regulations will move forward to the formal rulemaking process soon.

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- Chapter 1.2 (Ambulance Patient Offload Times) – This new chapter of 'emergency regulations' were released for a 5-day emergency public comment period yesterday. S-SV has reviewed these internally and has no issues or concerns with the current proposed language. These will be on next week's EMS Commission agenda for their consideration/approval.
- Chapter 3 – EMT/AEMT/Paramedics – these regulations already in place but need to be updated for better consistency with the national scope of practice and other necessary changes. The California EMS Authority is still working on reviewing/ updating these regulations.
- Chapter 6 – STEMI/Stroke/Trauma/EMS for Children – proposed updates to these regulations were released for an initial public comment period. The California EMS Authority anticipates sending the proposed regulations out for a second public comment period after changes have been made in the next couple months. These updated regulations are expected to be finalized by the end of the calendar year.

J. MEDICAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Dr. Falck provided some additional information on the buprenorphine grant item previously discussed by Mr. Poland. Dr. Falck indicated that approx. 1/3 of California LEMSAs have instituted, or on the verge of instituting, a buprenorphine program for opioid use disorder. This medication needs to be prescribed by a physician. What makes these programs successful is the evaluation of the patient, by a substance use navigator/social worker who can evaluate the mental health needs, and social needs of the patient, and set them up with a support group/counseling to help the patient be successful in getting off opioids. S-SV EMS will be working with prehospital and hospital providers on this matter.

K. NEXT JPA GOVERNOING BOARD MEETING

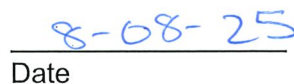
- The next JPA Board meeting will be for Friday, August 8, 2025, 1:00 p.m., 535 Menlo Drive, Suite A, Rocklin, CA or via videoconference at 1255 East St., Suite 201, Redding, CA.
- The meeting adjourned at 2:24 pm.

Respectfully submitted,


Amy Boryczko, Clerk to the Board


Date


Sue Hoek, Chairperson


Date

