



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



MEETING MINUTES

MEETING DATE

- Friday, August 8, 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
Jeff Boone	Sutter County	X	
Pati Nolen	Tehama County	X	
Jon Messick	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
Mary Thomas	S-SV EMS Agency
Tim Reeser	AMR
Alex Bumpus	Bi-County Ambulance
Justin Caporusso	Bi-County Ambulance
Sophie Fox	Placer County
Michelle Moss	S-SV EMS Agency
Oscar Marin	Yuba County OES

MEETING MINUTES

A. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Supervisor Hoek (Chairperson) called the meeting to order at 1:01 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.

D. ACTION TO APPROVE CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS

Supervisor Nolen motioned to approve the consent calendar items. Supervisor Boone seconded. A roll call of votes was called: Ayes=6 (Placer, Sutter, Nevada, Glenn, Tehama and Butte counties). Abstain = 1(Colusa) Noes=0. Absent=3 (Siskiyou, Yuba, and Shasta Counties). Motion approved.

E. PUBLIC COMMENT:

None was forthcoming.

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

Note: Supervisor Plummer joined the meeting at 1:07 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 are 2 areas of concern: Shasta and Tehama Counties.
 - Shasta County response times are lower than the requirement. The Agency continues to work with SHASCOM to verify the accuracy of the data. Shasta County providers are in the process of adding additional ambulances to the system.
 - Tehama County – Patrick Comstock recently gave a presentation to some Tehama County community organizations. The City of Corning has been lower than expected. The ambulance provider is working on moving one of their ambulances to address that and to potentially add another ambulance to the system.
 - All other areas are compliant.
 - 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.

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:
 - Mr. Poland and Dr. Falck spoke about S-SV EMS not receiving the EMS Opioid Use Disorder Buprenorphine Grant. Supervisor Boone mentioned that he has a colleague that might be of help with this grant going forward.

4. American Heart Association Mission Lifeline STEMI Systems of Care 2025 Regional Award – attachment and verbal report

- This has been around for a while. To receive this award, data for all S-SV EMS STEMI System Participants are looked at, as well as the system.
- S-SV EMS was one of the first California LEMSAs to establish a STEMI system approx. 15 years ago.

5. CDPH CPR FY 2022-2023 S-SV EMS LEMSA, Sutter & Yuba HPP Grant Audit Reports – attachments and verbal report

- Until this year, S-SV EMS managed 3 HPP grants (Yuba, Sutter & LEMSA). S-SV EMS continues to manage the LEMSA HPP grant, but Yuba & Sutter counties recently resumed the management of their applicable HPP grants due to county changes.
- All HPP grants require an audit every three years and S-SV EMS just finished the audit for all three FY 2022/2023 grants.
- There were no findings for the LEMSA grant and one minor finding for each of the Yuba and Sutter grants related to annual EMResource (online hospital status monitoring system) invoices that covered portions of two different FY periods. This issue was related to a change in vendor invoicing procedures at that time. As a result, the agency was required to reimburse CDPH approx. \$1,800 for this finding.

G. NEW BUSINESS

1. Ground Ambulance Provider Rate Approval Resolution Pursuant to California Health & Safety Code § 1371.56– for approval.

- The rates have been brought to the board a couple of times since legislation related to this matter passed a few years ago (AB 716). If rates are not approved by the applicable approval authority (LEMSA, etc.), insurance companies can utilize a different process to determine how much they will reimburse ambulance companies for services.
- These rates are comparable to other areas throughout the state.
- This resolution will allow Mr. Poland to increase future rates annually for a maximum amount consistent with the Bay Area CPI. This is like resolutions/processes recently passed by other surrounding LEMSAs. If a provider wants to raise their rates above the maximum annual amount, it will still require JPA Board for approval.

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

2. Glenn Medical Center Critical Access Designation Letter of Support – for approval

- Glenn Medical Center has held Critical Access Hospital (CAH) status for 25 years. Approximately one year ago, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) revised its evaluation criteria for CAH designation. As a result, approximately 10 hospitals in California lost their CAH status. If no changes occur, Glenn Medical Center will be unable to sustain its Emergency Department operations beyond April 2026. Mr. Poland has previously submitted a letter of support on behalf of the S-SV EMS Agency. The Medical Center has filed an appeal and is currently awaiting a response.
- This will provide letters of support on behalf of the JPA Board.

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

H. OLD BUSINESS

None

Note: Supervisor Gustafson left at 2pm

I. LEGISLATION

1. EMS legislative/regulation updates

- Mr. Poland presented the legislative update information contained in the written report included in the meeting packet and presented the following regulations updates:
 - Chapter 1 – This is the new chapter of regulations to address EMS system design, LEMSA responsibilities, RFP processes, EMS plans, etc. The updated workgroup draft was released earlier this week. The EMS Authority has asked for additional review and feedback in August and September and their goal is to have this chapter promulgated and published by January 2027.
 - Chapter 1.2 (Ambulance Patient Offload Times) – This new chapter of 'emergency regulations' was passed by the EMS Commission and implemented in late June. The State EMS Authority published their APOT data audit tool in July but there have been a few issues that are still being addressed.
 - Chapter 3 – EMT/AEMT/Paramedics – The EMS Authority is soliciting stakeholder input currently and will then start the rule making process.
 - Chapter 6 – STEMI/Stroke/Trauma/EMS for Children – These are in the second public comment period and will close on 8/17/25. The proposed draft regulations were sent to all S-SV EMS providers, and agency staff will meet next week to finalize the agency's comments.

J. MEDICAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Ambulance Patient Offload Time (APOT) – National and state guidance references a maximum 30-minute APOT, which is what S-SV EMS initially adopted (like the majority of California LEMSAs). Most hospitals in the S-SV EMS region are now meeting this standard, and the outliers have done a lot of work to meet this standard. S-SV EMS has the latitude to change this standard to a shorter amount of time and intends to do so in a stepwise manner. The standard needs to be 20 minutes.

K. CLOSED SESSION

Closed Session convened at 2:20 pm

Item 1. Government Code § 54957 – Regional Executive Director Annual Performance Review

CLOSED SESSION REPORT – reconvened at 2:31 pm

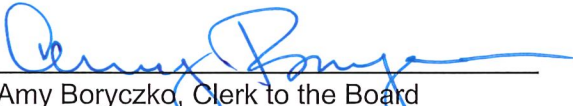
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The Board heard one item pursuant to Government Code § 54957 – Regional Executive Director Annual Performance Review and voted to provide a step increase from step D to step E, with a vote of 7-0 with 3 absent.

L. NEXT JPA GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

- Supervisor Corona mentioned that the Colusa County CAO, Wendy Tyler, is retiring at the end of September. They are in the final process of selecting a new CAO and should have one in place by the next JPA Board meeting.
- The next JPA Board meeting will be Friday, October 10, 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 2:33 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Amy Boryczko, Clerk to the Board

10-10-25

Date



Sue Hoek, Chairperson

10-10-2025

Date