



**Sierra – Sacramento Valley EMS Agency
Regional Emergency Medical Advisory Committee
(REMAC)**



MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date

Tuesday, October 28, 2025

A. Call to Order/Introductions

- Dr. Royer called the meeting to order at 9:00 am, and all attendees introduced themselves.

B. Approval of Previous Minutes: July 22, 2025

- The minutes were unanimously approved by the committee with no changes.

C. Approval of Agenda

- The committee approved the agenda with no changes.

D. Public Comment

- Sutter Roseville will have its annual EMS-A-Palooza on December 8. This will be posted on the S-SV EMS website.

E. S-SV EMS Policy Actions

Policy Actions for Final Review & Approval:

Policy	Name	Motion	Second	Committee Vote
411	LALS/ALS Provider Agency Responsibilities <ul style="list-style-type: none">• There were no proposed changes.	Dr. Iwai	Dr. Morris	Passed Unanimously
414	911 Ground Ambulance Dispatch Requirements <ul style="list-style-type: none">• There were no proposed changes.	Dr. Iwai	Dr. Morris	Passed Unanimously
504	Emergency Department Downgrade/Cessation <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The only change is on page 2, lines 19-20 (Item 10) were removed.	Dr. Iwai	Clayton Thomas	Passed Unanimously

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450	HEMS Aircraft Authorization, Classification & Operations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> On page 4, Item 7, lines 10-13 removed. Added "Each permitted HEMS resource is responsible for maintaining current availability status in EMResource." No other changes. 	Dr. Iwai	Clayton Thomas	Passed Unanimously
621	HEMS Aircraft Quality Management <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No suggested changes, except to update the regulations. 	Dr. Iwai	Clayton Thomas	Passed Unanimously
862	HEMS Aircraft Requesting & Utilization <ul style="list-style-type: none"> On page 1, the regulations were updated. On page 2, under Policy, added Item 'A' Medical Control. Under Item A, added items 1 and 2. Under Item C, added items 1 and 2. On page 4, item 6, added '/blood', and removed 'beyond the scope of practice', and added 'not available on', and 'ambulances'. Item E, line 27, added number 1, 'Trauma patients meeting only mechanism of injury criteria'. On page 7, added item 12. On page 8, removed the first sentence of line 1. On line 11, added 'The IC/designee shall have the authority for allowing a HEMS aircraft to land at scene. Notwithstanding,'. Under Item I, added number 1, lines 27-29. On line 34, added 'at' and removed 'the'. Line 35 removed 'time', and 'contact is made'. Line 41 removed the word 'all'. On page 9, added Item 6. It was suggested, on page 4, Item 6, to replace the back slashes with commas, and to add 'and/or' before 'blood'. It was suggested to replace any bullet points, in any policy/protocol, with letters and/or numbers to denote items. On page 7, item 12, line 17, it was recommended to replace 'comprehensive' with 'appropriate'. 	Dr. Iwai	Josh Vicars	Passed Unanimously

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710	Management of Controlled Substances <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This was brought back to talk about wastage of controlled substances. Sutter Roseville will no longer be wasting controlled substances for EMS. S-SV EMS is an outlier in the State as far as this goes. Page 3, Item 3, lines 32-36 were added, lines 37-39 were removed. This modification allows providers to modify their own policies. The National Association of EMS Physicians recently had a webinar, managed by the DEA, regarding EMS agencies to obtain DEA registration. This is not allowed in California currently. This is being worked on at a state level. 	Dr. Iwai	Clayton Thomas	Passed Unanimously
	S-SV EMS Drug Reference Guide <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This is not a policy/protocol at this point. A drug reference guide is a fantastic tool that some agencies use. It's a reference guide for all drugs used for ALS. It includes reactions, contraindications, dosages, etc., within the scope. This was created by PAC members. This would remove all drug info, other than the name of the drug, and would clean up the protocols/policies. Paramedics would reference the drug reference guide for details. Other LEMSAs are using this. Paramedics really like having this tool. If this committee is interested, Brittany will bring samples of what that would look like to the next meeting. 			

F. EMS Aircraft Provider Updates

- REACH – For the last few weeks they've been supporting the Redding area. REACH 50 fixed wing aircraft is back in service this week. REACH 5 should go back in service tomorrow.

G. Ground EMS Provider Updates

- Dignity Health:
 - Wrapping up the end of the year trainings/requirements.
 - Moving to tablet command in Tehama and Shasta counties. This should improve call responses/times.

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- Roseville FD
 - Josh Vicars introduced himself. He is replacing Rochelle Gregory.

H. Hospital Provider Reports

- No reports.

I. Quality Improvement (QI) Case Review

- The case was presented by Kristin Hammond (Sierra College), Chris Wade (Rocklin Fire), (AMR) and Debbie Madding (Sutter Roseville).
- There was a lot of good discussion.
- The next case was presented by Kelly Craig (Placer Hills FD), and Debbie Madding (Sutter Roseville).
- There was some discussion regarding Code-2 vs Code-3 and documentation.

J. S-SV EMS Agency Reports

- **EMS Data System**
 - Recent communication regarding the State's transition from NEMSIS 3.5 to 3.5.1.
 - Initially there was a big push by the State to get everyone transitioned by January 1, 2026.
 - The State has now moved the date back to summer of 2026.
 - S-SV providers have all been transitioned by Jeff McManus.
- **Regional Specialty Committees**
 - Jared Gunter conducted the most recent STEMI meeting. STEMI QI committee members received an email recently regarding dates/times for next year's meetings. The October STEMI meeting was the first time a virtual option was offered and went well.
 - The next Trauma QI meeting is on December 4. These meetings will remain in-person meetings.
- **Operations**
 - Whitney Sullivan, the Certification Specialist, recently left S-SV EMS for a job with Sierra College. Please be patient while S-SV transitions to the new Certification Specialist who starts on 11/10.
 - S-SV EMS is finishing up all the provider ambulance inspections and will finish by the end of the year.
- **Regional Executive Director's Report**
 - Glenn Medical Center Hospital closure has occurred. S-SV EMS has been motoring the EMS data for their county on a weekly basis and has been producing a weekly report for the EMS providers in that area.
 - For the first few weeks of October there wasn't a significant negative impact on the EMS system. The response times, on average, are almost the same as they were last year.
 - The average transport times are significantly increased due to the next hospital being much farther away.
 - Almost all the patients are going to Enloe Medical Center.
 - S-SV will continue to monitor this.
 - The system seems stable so far.

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- APOT – the state audit tool went into effect in July. July/August were learning months for everyone. The State asked S-SV to trial the tool. S-SV gave the state a lot of feedback- that they didn't take.
 - There are opportunities to clean-up the data.
 - Make sure crews are documenting as accurately as possible.
 - Jeff McManus has developed a Power BI tool that is on the website and updates itself every day at 8am. Providers can look at specifics.
 - If anyone is seeing duplicates in the audit tool, let Mr. Poland know.
- The EMS Authority had several high-level staff come out for the tour of the Sutter Roseville and Kaiser Roseville facilities. Mr. Poland attended this as well.
 - There were a lot of good conversations.
- The AMR/Placer County EOA agreement has been finalized and signed.
 - This is a 2-year EOA agreement.
 - This was approved by the JPA Board a couple weeks ago.
 - The First Watch online compliance utility is being utilized for this. AMR is already using this tool in Yolo County.
- Consultants for S-SV have finished the Western Placer County EMS System Assessment. S-SV is working with them on the final document. This should be available in the next 2 weeks. A formal presentation will be made to the JPA Board in December. This meeting likely will not be in the Rocklin building but close by – and this information will be distributed to everyone.
- EOA Agreements – Within the last 2 weeks, Mr. Poland has received direction from Nevada, Yuba and Sutter Counties to move forward with renewal agreements for Sierra Nevada Ambulance, and Bi-County Ambulance in those counties. All three agreements expire 12/31/26. In January, S-SV will begin meeting with all stakeholders to begin the process.
- 2026 Meeting Calendar
 - REMAC meetings – starting in January, the meetings would move to the second Wednesday of each month (quarterly).
 - Accreditation classes will be on the first Wednesday of each month in 2026.
 - Once all meeting dates are finalized, the 2026 calendar will be distributed.
- Legislation
 - There wasn't a lot of EMS legislation this year.
 - AB645 – requires that by 1/31/27, every 911 PSAP in the state of California to at least provide some minimal pre-arrival instructions. There are six specific items: airway and choking, medical instructions for infants, children and adults, AED and CPR instructions for children and adults, childbirth bleeding control and hemorrhage, administration of epi and administration of naloxone for overdose.
 - Most of the S-SV 911 dispatch centers at least provide these services or have a process in place to transfer certain calls for those services. But for those that don't, they have until January of 2027 to implement those. S-SV will be working with a few of those PSAPs as appropriate.
 - The Governor's office has made it clear that he does not want to see any more EMS legislation for the rest of his term.
- Regulations
 - Chapter 1 - is a new chapter of EMS regulations regarding EMS administration. It has to do with LEMSA responsibilities, RFPs, 201, 224, and things that have been somewhat nebulous for a long time. These are regulations that should have been implemented 40 years ago when the EMS Act was done, but they never

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were. The EMS authority is working through feedback provided by partners and experts to start the formal OAL rulemaking process within the next couple months – in early 2026.

- Chapter 3, which are the professional standards, are the new EMT, Advanced EMT and Paramedics. The state is potentially going to add EMR into those regulations when they update them as well. EMSA is reviewing the current regulations to identify areas that need updating. EMSA has already agreed that they need to be updated to more closely match the national standards and the national scope of practice.
- Chapter 4 - EMS personnel discipline. EMSA is also reviewing those to identify areas that need updating and will move forward with that.
- Chapter 5 is the community paramedicine triage alternate destination. EMSA is reviewing the current regulations to identify areas that need updating. There was a law that was passed last year that was supposed to update those regulations.
- Chapter 6 - these ones are moving forward. These are the trauma STEMI, Stroke and EMS for children. They've already gone through two public comment periods and they're going to have a two-week public comment period sometime within the next couple of months, and then those will move forward to the EMS commission for final review and approval and implementation.
 - Most of the S-SV STEMI, Stroke, and Trauma systems are already set up to match what's already in there. One of the things that's being added to the traumas is the requirement that every trauma center will have to be ACS verified. All S-SV Trauma Centers (Levels 1-3) are already ACS verified.

K. Medical Director's Report

- S-SV is starting to discuss the 2026 mandatory training. There will likely be a strong emphasis on pediatric training.
- There are a lot of providers that haven't completed the 2025 training. Please encourage everyone to get this done before the end of the year.
 - There was a Medic with a question regarding Protocol M-8. His question was answered off-line.

L. Next Meeting Date & Adjournment

- The next meeting will be on January 14, 2026, at 9:00 am.
- The meeting was adjourned at 11:28 am.