



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



MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date

Wednesday, April 8, 2026

A. Call to Order/Introductions

- Clayton Thomas called the meeting to order at 9:03 am, and all attendees introduced themselves.

B. Approval of Previous Minutes: January 14, 2026

- 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 a run review on 4/14, on pediatric cardiac disease and neonatal emergencies, at S-SV.

E. S-SV EMS Consent Policy/Protocol Action Items

Policy	Name	Motion	Second	Committee Vote
306	Base/Modified Base Hospital Recording & Maintenance Of EMS Patient Care Committee • There were no proposed changes.	Dr. Iwai	Jeremy Veldstra	Passed Unanimously
835	Medical Control at the Scene of an Emergency • There were no proposed changes.	Dr. Iwai	Jeremy Veldstra	Passed Unanimously
836	Hazardous Materials Incidents • There were no proposed changes.	Dr. Iwai	Jeremy Veldstra	Passed Unanimously
851	EMS Care of Minor Patients • There were no proposed changes.	Dr. Iwai	Jeremy Veldstra	Passed Unanimously
E-7	Hazardous Material Exposure • There were no proposed changes.	Dr. Iwai	Jeremy Veldstra	Passed Unanimously

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F. S-SV EMS Discussion Policy/Protocol Action Items

Policy	Name	Motion	Second	Committee Vote
405	Emergency Medical Dispatch EMD Programs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There are significant changes on page 1-3 AB645 requires every PSAP in California to provide minimum prearrival instructions (page 1, Item A, lines 12-17). AB1639 – the drowning prevention act which would require a little more expansion of item A2. AB2041 – would tie some of the PSAP funding to making sure they're providing the correct instructions. EMSAAC has some issues with this bill. 	Rich Lemon	Debbie Madding	Passed Unanimously
853	Tasered Patient Care & Transport <ul style="list-style-type: none"> On page 1, line 27, removed 'excited delirium' and added 'behavioral emergencies'. On page 2, lines 5-6, added 'in the ambulance or follow the ambulance'. A typo was pointed out on page 2, line 17, the first word should be 'Do'. 	Rich Lemon	Jeremy Veldstra	Passed Unanimously
E-8	Nerve Agent Treatment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> On page 3, all 3 yellow boxes, removed 'Pralidoxime chloride' and added '2-PAM'. 	Dr. Iwai	Dr. Royer	Passed Unanimously
M-6	General Medical Treatment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The pages were renumbered because pages have been added. Page 3 - This protocol is about education and permissive hypotension and its treatment. This also refers to pain management. 	Dr. Iwai	Jeremy Veldstra	Passed Unanimously
T-5	Burns <ul style="list-style-type: none"> On page 1, under BLS, secondary actions, the first bullet point, added 'and in the absence of life threatening injuries'. 	Dr. Iwai	Rich Lemon	Passed Unanimously

G. Ambulance Provider Rate Approval Process

- This concerns Policy 412, which has been in place for about a year.
- This was taken to the JPA Board in February for discussion.
- The policy was suspended and continues to be suspended.
- This goes back to the JPA Board on Friday for direction.
- This will be brought back to this committee after the JPA meeting.

H. EMS Aircraft Provider Reports

- REACH
 - Balloon transport pump is being used in Marysville now. They'd like to get everyone in northern California trained on this.

I. EMS Ground Provider Reports

- Mercy Redding
 - Several EMTs are graduating from Medic school and are being converted to medics.
 - They've been paying closer attention to some of the bravo responses secondary to EMD and have been diverting ALS ambulances to those BLS calls.
 - Videoscopes seem to be doing well.
 - Volume is currently down in Tehama County.
 - Gearing up for the summer season.
 - They've had a lot of difficulty with Mednet Channel 10 and have been using Mednet Channel 3. They're trying to resolve this.
- AMR Shasta
 - They're getting ready for some bilevel positive airway training.
- Butte County EMS
 - Intern season. They have 8 in their program, 7 of whom are former EMTs.
 - There are some staffing challenges.
 - Flightcare went live w/whole blood.
- BiCounty
 - They have EMTs that are upgrading to medics
 - They're hiring EMTs
 - They purchased some new training equipment for Trauma training for in-house as well as for other local providers.
- It was suggested to add '*Education Facilities*' to the agenda and to include them in the roundtable.

Educational Facilities

- Sierra College
 - They had their advisory board recently
 - They are graduating their first Paramedic cohort.
 - Applications for cohort #3 closed on 4/1. They received 141 applications for 20 spots.
 - They're always looking for part-time skills instructors
 - Their AEMT cohort #4 is in field time currently. 5 have finished and 9 more are on deck.
- ETNA Ambulance
 - They've been holding a hybrid EMT class for rural EMS with 3 different counties.
 - They will partner with Shasta College to include more rural areas going forward.

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J. Hospital Provider Reports

- UC Davis
 - Construction continues.
- Sutter Roseville
 - They will be hiring in-patient nurses to help create more beds in the ED on 5/1
 - Measles – they had positive exposure last week. Pre-hospital should give a heads-up when bringing in patients (unvaccinated, fever, rash). They should not go into the ED; they'll go to a d-con room.
 - The MICNs can ask the medics about the patients.
- Rideout
 - They've had a change in leadership – they have a new Director.
 - They have a new manager as well.
- Mercy Redding
 - They had a big airport drill recently.
 - Med 10 is an issue.
- Auburn Faith
 - Measles walk-ins are a concern.
- Enloe
 - Cancer center will be ready soon and they will begin seeing patients in August.
 - There have been lots of drills with SWAT teams and Fire Departments.
 - They're getting ready for the MRSE that's coming up.

K. Quality Improvement (QI) Case Review

- Brittany reviewed airway tracking forms/data.
 - Some providers have their crews practice airways before every shift.
 - There was a lot of good discussion.
- Sutter Roseville/Roseville FD presented a pediatric case
- Butte County EMS presented a pediatric case
- There was a lot of good discussion.

L. S-SV EMS Agency Reports

- **EMS Data System**
 - There was a Schematron update on the 30th. Everyone failed because it came out late and didn't hit the Imagetrend systems until early morning. There is another update coming 5/1, please check with administrators.
 - V 3.5.1 – if you haven't already been upgraded to this version follow up with your vendors. Calls will fail in November if you haven't been upgraded.
 - A memo was sent out for the import review. This will be bi-annual – per EMSA. Notification will be sent out around July 1.
 - CEMSIS is being transitioned to a new system. S-SV is one of 3 LEMSAs that is piloting this starting next week. Everything will be transitioned by August 31st, to ensure that things are ready for the State's September 30th hard date.
- **Regional Specialty Committees**
 - The next Trauma QI meeting will be on May 14th. There are a few topics that may mean potential protocol changes. One of those will be push dose Epi used with trauma patients.
 - Stroke – there needs to be more participation. For state submissions, stay on top of those. If you need help, please let Jeff know.

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- STEMI- looking at numbers, discrepancies in documentation between how the field is documented versus how the hospital is documenting on the same patient. The next meeting will be in September.
- **REMAC Committee Voting Member Appointments**
 - There are public north and South, and private north and south voting members.
 - Traditionally there are a lot more nominations from the Southern region of S-SV than from the northern region.
 - The current bylaws allow each of the member county EMCCs/EMAGs to have representatives on the committee as well. Out of the 8 EMCCs/EMAGs there is only representation on 2 of them.
 - For the north public, there was only one nomination submitted. For the north private, there are 3 nominations, which includes Jason Swann who is actually one of the EMAG representatives for Shasta/Tehama. He's the primary member.
 - For the private south, there is just one nomination. For public south there are 5 nominations.
 - Mr. Poland recommended getting rid of the private/public north/south, etc., and instead offer 14 pre-hospital voting positions.
 - The 2 HEMS providers would remain.
 - If the committee is interested in doing this, it will be placed on the next meeting agenda as a non-action item for discussion, and then to the meeting after that for a 2/3rd vote. This way, by the final meeting of the year, all 10 of today's nominees would be voting members.
 - The committee asked about including AEMTs in this.
 - This will be put on the July meeting agenda to begin the process of formally changing it.

The following individuals were moved/seconded for the listed positions:

- North Public: Teri Arrwood as Primary, Michael Long as Alternate
 - North Private: Rich Lemon as Primary, Michael Eliassen as Alternate
 - South Public: David Justus as Primary, Dane Meredith as Alternate
 - South Private: John Hughes as Primary, Captain Dillon Coward as Alternate
- **REMAC Committee Chairperson & Vice Chairperson Elections**
 - Chair: Dr. Royer was nominated by Clayton Thomas and seconded by Debbie Madding
 - Vice Chair: John Hughes volunteered and was motioned/seconded approved by the committee.
 - **Operations**
 - The committee asked to bring back the APOT committee.
 - This will be voluntary, virtual, and hospital based.
 - Best practices will be discussed.
 - The meeting frequency will be decided by the committee.
 - All transport permits went out this week. All non-EOAs must renew their annual permit, these should be in by 5/31. They expire at the end of June.
 - If your EMSQIP has not been turned into Brittany, your permit will not be approved.
 - If you have not paid the fee, your permit will not be approved.
 - If your permit expires, you will not be allowed to transport.
 - EMSA changed their licensing program on 4/1. If you tried to reaccredit your Medic license there may have been a hiccup. This also affects the EMTs.
 - Visit the SSV website for more information on Strike Team Leader courses.
 - Patrick is working with Eric Engle to do a CHEMPACK training course, after fire season.
 - EMS Week is coming up in May. Please let SSV know of your events so staff can be there.
 - If providers have any training coming up, please let SSV know if you'd like staff to attend.

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- **Regional Executive Director's Report**
 - Protecting Patient Access to Emergency Medications Act of 2017
 - The federal government, DEA, finally produced regulations that became effective on March 9th of this year
 - Only 19 states in the United States that currently authorized, that authorize their EMS providers to obtain EMS-specific DEA registration. California is not one of them.
 - The California Department of Consumer Affairs and Board of Pharmacy must implement statutory and regulatory changes that would allow an EMS provider in California to obtain an EMS specific DEA registration.
 - If you try applying as a private provider, you're going to lose your \$888 that you're required to submit to them because it's non-refundable. So don't apply because it will be denied. There is a waiver of fees for the public providers and that'll be communicated better when we get to that point.
 - The California EMS Authority is basically taking several disparate platforms – IT, CEMSIS, the central registry, and merging it into one. It's an Amazon Web Services system and it's called CloudWick. Once this is actually up and running, it's going to be great because all of these systems will now communicate with each other.
 - S-SV has been participating with the EMS Authority from a pilot perspective on both the central registry and now the CEMSIS.
 - The California Patient Movement Plan, as was communicated over the last couple months, is being updated. The original version of that plan was in 2018. There were three tabletop functional exercises that happened over the last month that covered all six OES regions. It'll be finalized with a full-scale exercise in Sacramento at Mather on June 4-6. Mr. Poland and Jared Gunter will both be participating in this. The flyer is posted on the SSV website.
 - Glenn County is in the process of doing an EMS system assessment after the closure of the Glenn Medical Center. They're in the final stages of that process and will present that to SSV and the Board of Supervisors probably in the next month.
 - Mr. Poland attended the Colusa County Board of Supervisors meeting yesterday and gave a presentation. They're supportive of exercising the two-year AMR EOA extension that'll go from 2027-2029. This is the only extension granted in that contract. This will be followed up with an EMS assessment and a subsequent RFP process for Colusa.
 - Contract Renewals
 - S-SV is currently working on the Bi-County Ambulance Sutter and Yuba EOA renewals that expire on December 31, of this year.
 - In Nevada County, Sierra Nevada's grandfather EOA expires on December 31, of this year. SSV has already had some meetings with the providers and Sierra Nevada and will be working on getting that updated and in place prior to the expiration.
 - SSV is doing a competitive RFP process for the Placer County area currently serviced by AMR. That process is on track. SSV expects to have a draft RFP document released for public comment by mid-May. Then, it'll be open for about a 3-week public comment period before it's finalized and sent to the EMS Authority for their approval before it's released.
 - AB1639
 - California Drowning Prevention and Rescue Act

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- This would clarify that pre-arrival CPR instructions required under the recently passed AB 645 legislation would include CPR instructions in both ventilation and chest compressions for calls that involve drowning victims.
- The bill would also require the State Department of Public Health, in cooperation with other specified state entities, to review and update the state's public communication efforts to ensure everyone in California is educated about the importance of CPR knowledge and how to obtain CPR training.
- AB1558
 - Uniform Emergency Volunteer Health Practitioners Act
 - This applies to out-of-state individuals. It's sponsored by Red Cross, and it's meant to enhance California's emergency response system by reducing administrative delays that prevent licensed out-of-state health professionals from helping in the aftermath of a disaster situation.
 - It's a new disaster healthcare volunteer system that the EMS authority would be responsible for managing and it would involve out of state individuals instead of in state.
 - 22 states have already passed similar legislation
- There's a hospital distress loan program bill that's making its way through. It would provide a second round of \$300 million funding for distressed hospitals. The difference between the last version and the one that was a couple of years ago is it would be open to all hospitals, not just public hospitals.
- AB 2318
 - This would make it unlawful for law enforcement to deny, delay, obstruct or fail to facilitate access to a medical evaluation or treatment for an individual in custody or detention or under law enforcement control.
 - The bill would require law enforcement if disclosure would not compromise an ongoing investigation or officer safety, provide documentation identifying the basis for denying or delaying access to medical treatment to specified entities within 72 hours of the incidents, and it would authorize various punishments against law enforcement who violates those provisions, including among other things, administrative discipline and criminal prosecution.
- AB-24-05
 - It would require a law enforcement agency transporting a person to an emergency department to transport the person to the nearest appropriate emergency department. The bill would require each law enforcement agency to submit a quarterly report to the EMS authority containing specified information regarding transport conducted pursuant to these provisions, including among other things, the origin location of the transported person.
- SB 945
 - Initially, it would have required CPR and AED training as a requirement for high school graduation for all students.
 - Now it would only require the commission, when a physical education framework is next revised, to consider including content of the importance, performance, and use of CPR and AEDs. Because of that, the actual sponsor of the bill has removed their sponsorship.
- APOT
 - SSV is currently under the AB40 emergency regulations. There's a timeframe for transitioning into permanent regulations or else they go away and are not enforceable. June is the one-year timeframe.

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- Chapter 1.2
 - Mr. Poland forwarded this to committee members last week
 - The fifth 15-day public comment period for these regulations
 - EMSAAC will be pushing back on some new language.
- Chapter 3
 - The commission approved oral Zofran for EMT administration
 - The EMS Authority is currently working on some draft language to incorporate this into the basic scope of practice.
- No movement on the community paramedicine and triage alternate destination.
 - There was a bill passed two years ago that updated this and added post discharge follow-up.
 - Two years later the EMS Authority hasn't moved forward with updating those regulations.
- Chapter 1
 - Delivering equitable and person-centered prehospital care EMS plans and EMS system design.
 - This is a new chapter of regulations.
 - These should be released for public comment in the near future.
- Responses to behavioral health emergencies
 - SSV implemented a policy regarding this.
 - EMSAAC successfully lobbied the EMS Authority to gather together a group of pertinent organizations.
 - Last week they had their first meeting at the EMS Authority. This included representatives from: EMSAAC, EMDAC, 911 Ambulance Providers Alliance, California Ambulance Association, California Fire Chiefs Association, California Hospital Association, California Police Chiefs Association, and many others.
 - This first meeting was to establish some ground rules and understand the challenges and issues of these types of incidents.
 - The guiding discussion was building a shared EMS and law enforcement toolkit, which everyone wants.
 - EMSA shared that there were approximately 6 million EMS patient encounters. Encounters with a primary and secondary primary impression behavioral crisis accounted for 470K of those, which is about 8% of the total EMS volume, which is about 1300 encounters/day throughout the state.
 - There will be more meetings.

M. Medical Director's Report

- Dr. Falck was not present.
- Mr. Poland shared the following on his behalf. Dr. Falck has a schedule conflict for the next REMAC meeting (July 1st). So, it was recommended to move the next meeting date to July 8th instead. Information will be sent to the committee regarding this change.
- *Rose Colangelo let the committee know that Mr. Poland received the prestigious Clinical Excellence Award from EMSA.*
 - *Rose read some of the comments from the nominations.*
 - *Mr. Poland's family was on hand and handed the certificate to him.*

N. Next Meeting Date & Adjournment

- The next meeting will be on July 8, 2026, at 9:00 am.
- The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 am.