



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



MEETING MINUTES

MEETING DATE

- **Friday, June 12, 2026**

MEETING ATTENDANCE

BOARD MEMBERS			
MEMBER	REPRESENTING	PRESENT	ABSENT
Bill Connelly	Butte County	X	
Merced Corona	Colusa County	X	
Tony Arendt	Glenn County	X - Zoom	
Susan Hoek (Chairperson)	Nevada County	X	
Anthony DeMattei	Placer County	X	
Matt Plummer	Shasta County		X
Jess Harris	Siskiyou County		X
Jeff Boone	Sutter County		X
Matt Hansen	Tehama County	X	
Gary Bradford	Yuba County	X –by Zoom	
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
Michelle Moss	S-SV EMS Agency
Mary Thomas	S-SV EMS Agency
Gabe Cruz	AMR
Ramit Saheet	NorCal Ambulance

MEETING MINUTES

A. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Sue Hoek (Chairperson) called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. and led attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

All Board members introduced themselves.

C. BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Supervisor Connelly announced that Oroville Hospital is for sale.

D. PUBLIC COMMENT:

None was forthcoming

E. ACTION TO APPROVE CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS

Supervisor Corona motioned to approve the following consent calendar items.

1. April 10, 2026, JPA Board Meeting Minutes.
2. Approve the Air Ambulance Coordination Service Agreement with the CAL FIRE Grass Valley Emergency Command Center (ECC).
3. Approve the FY 2026/2027 Modal Networks IT Support Services Contract Extension.
4. Approve the FY 2026/2027 Placer County Auditor Controller's Office MOU.

Supervisor DeMattei seconded. A roll call of votes was called: Ayes=7 (Placer, Colusa, Nevada, Butte, Yuba, Glenn, and Tehama counties). Noes=0. Absent=3 (Siskiyou, Shasta, and Sutter Counties). Motion approved.

F. INFORMATION/PRESENTATION ITEMS – Verbal Updates Provided by John Poland, Regional Executive Director:

1. 911 Ground Ambulance Response Times

- Response time 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:
 - Colusa County – Still at nearly 100% compliance almost every month.
 - Placer County – Several months into the new AMR EOA agreement, and response times continue to be compliant. AMR is meeting all their contractual requirements and deploy the minimum number of unit hours. As mentioned in previous meetings, the exemptions that they are granted for late calls have been significantly down from the previous contract.
 - Glenn County – There has been a challenge with the 12-hour ambulance not moving to post whenever the Willow's unit is assigned. This was addressed by S-SV EMS in March and response times for both the City of Orland and the City of Willows were compliant for the month of April. Since the Glenn County hospital closure in October 2025 (through May 31, 2026) there has been an 8.6% increase in 911 ground ambulance responses, 9.5% increase in 911 ground ambulance transports and 83% increase in ground ambulance transport times - which was expected. There has only been a 4% increase in 911 air ambulance transport, which points to the system working properly. There has also been a 28% decrease in 911 ground ambulances in Glenn County from outside the county due to the additional 12-hour unit.
 - Nevada County – Penn Valley Fire had a challenge with the rural code 3 20-minute response time in April. They had 3 late calls which gave them 63% compliance due to the limited number of calls they have in total. All calls were reviewed. There are no significant concerns and challenges are expected in the more rural areas.
 - Shasta County – S-SV EMS has been working closely with Mercy Redding Ambulance and AMR to address their response times. They are now compliant in the City of Redding and the City of Anderson for all of 2026 year to date. S-SV EMS also recently approved an update to their systems status management plan to make sure that their compliance continues. Both Redding hospitals are compliant with the ambulance patient offload time standards that have been established as well.

2. S-SV EMS Agency Updates

A written report was included in the meeting packet for this agenda item.

- Oroville Hospital is moving forward with a bankruptcy sale process. There is an auction scheduled for mid-July and a final sale hearing set for August 13th. There haven't been any significant EMS system issues.
- S-SV EMS staff recently attended a joint meeting with the Glenn County Board of Supervisors, Orland City Council, and Willow's City Council, for a presentation on the recently completed Glenn County EMS system assessment. This was an informational meeting only; no formal action was taken. The next step is to reconvene the Glenn County Ambulance Ad Hoc committee and go through the report in more detail.

- S-SV EMS staff recently participated in the ACS Level III Trauma Center Reverification Review of Tahoe Forest hospital. Their reverification review was successful.
- S-SV EMS is working on updating/renewing the Sierra Nevada Ambulance (Nevada County) and Bi-County Ambulance (Sutter & Yuba County) grandfathered EOA agreements. Draft agreements should be sent to the providers for their review within the next month or so. The current EOA agreements expire on December 31, 2026.
- S-SV EMS staff recently participated in the ACS Level II Trauma Center Reverifications Review of Sutter Roseville Medical Center. This was a successful review with no significant issues identified.
- S-SV EMS is working closely with providers in this area to update their system status management plan to make sure the areas are compliant, and to make sure the mutual aid between these counties is handled appropriately.

3. S-SV EMS Agency Updates

A written report was included in the meeting packet for this item.

- 6/1 – The National EMS Memorial Procession route began in California this year. It will go across the United States. They're honoring a total of 37 fallen first responders including local flight nurse Susie Smith from REACH 5 based in Redding, who passed away on October 10th, 2025, as the result of an air medical accident on Highway 50 in Sacramento.
- The State EMS Authority (EMSA) is making significant changes to their IT infrastructure. They implemented a new Central Registry for the approx. 100K EMS personnel in the State of California. They're also in the process of transitioning the California EMS Information System (CEMSIS) to a new vendor. S-SV EMS staff have been providing a significant amount of local subject matter expert support for both projects. Patrick Comstock and his LA County LEMSA equivalent have been working very closely on the Central Registry project. Colton Evey, EMS Specialist has been helping with this as well. Jeff McManus, the S-SV EMS Data Analyst, has been working closely with EMSA on the CEMSIS transition project.
- Mr. Poland and several S-SV EMS staff participated in the June 5th, statewide full-scale patient movement exercise in Sacramento. Mr. Poland served as the Transport Branch Director for the unit and stayed for 18 hours - and realized he should have been relieved at 9 hours. The exercise went well.

4. EMS Legislation and Regulations Updates

A written report was included in the meeting packet for this item.

- Mr. Poland stated that AB 1607 (Maddy/Richie Fund) passed the assembly and has moved on to the Senate. The first Senate Health Committee hearing is next Wednesday and Mr. Poland is scheduled to provide testimony on behalf of EMSAAC for that. There shouldn't be any issues as it moves through the Senate. It is also scheduled to go through the Public Safety Committee where Mr. Poland will provide testimony as well.
- The Assembly and the Senate announced their agreed upon budget yesterday.
- The EMSA is getting some additional money to manage all the IT systems they're getting up and running.

- Mr. Poland stated that the final proposed version of the ambulance patient offload time (APOT) regulations is on the EMS Commission agenda next week for vote and passage.
- Chapter 3 regulations to add the ability for EMTs to administer oral Zofran for nausea and is also up for a vote at the June 17th EMS Commission meeting.
- Chapter 6, the specialty care regulations, is also up for a vote at the June 17th EMS Commission meeting.

5. Placer County Zone 3 Emergency Ground Ambulance Exclusive Operating Area (EOA) Request for Proposal (RFP)

A written report was included in the meeting packet for this item.

- S-SV EMS staff worked with the consultant (Healthcare Strategists) over the past several months to develop a draft RFP document.
- The draft RFP document was released for a 3-week public comment period from May 11th – May 29th. S-SV EMS received about 18 public comments during the public comment period. The comments were reviewed with the consultant. Several of the comments were accepted or partially accepted. Responses were provided to the public comments on why they weren't accepted or incorporated.
- After today's meeting, the RFP document will be submitted to the EMSA for their required legal review. It is expected that the EMSA will take 3 - 5 months to review and approve the RFP. At that point, it will return to the Board for formal approval.

G. ACTION ITEMS

Note: Supervisor Bradford left at 2:16pm – a quorum was maintained.

1. FY 2026/2027 Employee Wage Scale, Including 3.0% COLA for Unrepresented Employees

- There was a closed session at the previous meeting to discuss this.
- Based on the Board direction given, this is the one-year COLA for all employees except for Mr. Poland.
- This has been built into the final budget as well.

Supervisor Corona motioned to approve the FY 2026/2027 Employee Wage Scale, Including 3.0% COLA for Unrepresented Employees. Supervisor DeMattei seconded. A roll call of votes was called: Ayes=7 (Placer, Colusa, Nevada, Butte, Yuba, Glenn, and Tehama counties). Noes=0. Absent=3 (Siskiyou, Shasta, and Sutter Counties). Motion approved.

2. S-SV EMS Final FY 2026/2027 Budget

- Minor changes were made from the draft budget presented at the previous meeting.
- On the Summary document, the franchise revenue went down. This is due to the AMR agreement due to an initial higher increased cost for the First Watch OCU program to get it implemented. Year 2 is significantly less – it's more of a maintenance cost now.
- Investment Income line-item decrease is due to the Principal stock one-time cash out last year.
- Bottom of the Revenue line-items – this decrease is due to a significant decrease in the Westside Ambulance subsidy.

- The retiree insurance reimbursement program decrease is due to the recently updated OPEB actuarial report presented at the previous meeting.
- The Miscellaneous revenue increase is due to expected OAH reimbursement this year.
- Personnel expenses – there is a significant decrease due to the Board approving a discretionary additional payment for the unfunded liability for FY 25/26.
- OPEB expenses – these additional expenses are to maintain 100% funding of this program, as discussed at the previous meeting.
- Other Supplies expenses – the decrease is due to the Placer County EMS Improvement Fund now being managed by AMR instead of S-SV EMS for accounting purposes.
- Professional and Special Services expenses – this decrease is related to the Westside Ambulance subsidy decrease.
- Travel expenses – the decrease is to account for an additional \$10K for travel that the EMSA will reimburse RDMHS staff for some of their travel expenses for FY 26/27.
- The budget is balanced and S-SV EMS maintains a health fund balance.

Supervisor DeMattei motioned to approve the S-SV EMS Final FY 2026/2027 Budget. Supervisor Hansen seconded. A roll call of votes was called: Ayes=7 (Placer, Colusa, Nevada, Butte, Yuba, Glenn, and Tehama counties). Noes=0. Absent=3 (Siskiyou, Shasta, and Sutter Counties). Motion approved.

3. CalPERS PEPRAs Pension Contract Amendment

- CalPERS reached out to Mr. Poland to ask S-SV EMS to amend its CalPERS contract to incorporate the PEPRAs language from many years ago.
- This is a 2-step process. The first step is the initial resolution of intention to approve an amendment to contract between CalPERS and the S-SV EMS Board of Directors. The next step will be at the next board meeting to formally approve the contract amendment to incorporate the PEPRAs language into it. The amendment is for administrative purposes and does not negatively impact either the agency or the agency's employees.

Supervisor Connelly motioned to approve the CalPERS PEPRAs Pension Contract intention to approve amendment to contract between CalPERS and the S-SV EMS Board of Directors. Supervisor DeMattei seconded. A roll call of votes was called: Ayes=7 (Placer, Colusa, Nevada, Butte, Yuba, Glenn, and Tehama counties). Noes=0. Absent=3 (Siskiyou, Shasta, and Sutter Counties). Motion approved.

4. SHIELD Training Center Sublease Agreement and Membership MOU

- S-SV EMS signed an initial sublease for the Redding office with the Shasta Regional Transit Authority about 6 years ago. It was subsequently renewed about 3 years ago and will expire on October 31, 2026.
- There have been some challenges at that location with lack of parking, and not enough conference room for larger meetings and conflicts with the conference room not being available for some of S-SV EMS's regular meetings.
- Recently the SHIELD training consortium reached out about space available in their building. It's a consortium of 19 public safety entities in the Redding area. They have a significant amount of training and conference room space.

- The office for rent at SHIELD is significantly less expensive than the current space.
- The initial lease would only be for a year. This is because the consortium's master lease expires next summer. They are in negotiations currently to extend their master lease. They believe they'll be able to continue to offer this space to S-SV EMS.
- Mr. Poland is recommending the Board approve the SHIELD Training Center Sublease Agreement and Membership MOU.

Supervisor Hansen motioned to approve the SHIELD Training Center Sublease Agreement and Membership MOU. Supervisor DeMattei seconded. A roll call of votes was called: Ayes=7 (Placer, Colusa, Nevada, Butte, Yuba, Glenn, and Tehama counties). Noes=0. Absent=3 (Siskiyou, Shasta, and Sutter Counties). Motion approved.

5. Resolution allowing the S-SV EMS Regional Executive Director to sign the Air Ambulance Coordination Services Agreement with the CAL FIRE Grass Valley Emergency Command Center (ECC)

- This contract was approved in Consent Calendar Items during today's meeting.
- This is a formal requirement from the state so that Mr. Poland can sign the agreement.

Supervisor Corona motioned to approve the resolution allowing the S-SV EMS Regional Executive Director to sign the Air Ambulance Coordination Services Agreement with the CAL FIRE Grass Valley Emergency Command Center (ECC). Supervisor DeMattei seconded. A roll call of votes was called: Ayes=7 (Placer, Colusa, Nevada, Butte, Yuba, Glenn, and Tehama counties). Noes=0. Absent=3 (Siskiyou, Shasta, and Sutter Counties). Motion approved.

6. Ground Ambulance Permit Provider Rate Setting Project

- This is the third meeting that this item has been discussed.
- In response to AB 716 that was passed by the Legislature and signed by the Governor a few years ago, the Board was initially asked to approve ambulance rates that were provided to S-SV EMS by applicable ground ambulance providers. It worked well for about a year and then got to a point where the process was no longer manageable because of some of the requested rates and the staff's inability to unbiasedly figure out appropriate rates, especially given the significant variance in provider rates.
- At the April 2026 Board meeting, the Board directed Mr. Poland to attempt to identify a consultant that could possibly assist with this process.
- S-SV EMS staff contacted two different organizations that have previously provided consultant work for the Agency. Mr. Poland and staff met with both consultants and submitted a scope of work, and it was clear that one of the consultants (Page Wolfberg & Wirth, LLC) had a better understanding of S-SV EMS needs/expectations related to this matter. Their proposal cost is \$66,500. If the Board moves forward with this, Mr. Poland recommends that the consultant costs be recuperated from the applicable providers over a 2-year period, through equitable permit fee increases.
- Mr. Poland mentioned that the California Assembly budget report that came out yesterday includes \$521K in the general fund for FY26/27, and \$321K in the general

fund for FY27/28 for the EMSA to implement AB 716. If approved, it is anticipated that regulations related to this matter would be promulgated within the next year.

- The Board asked Mr. Poland if there was an option to do nothing. Mr. Poland responded that this is in fact one option. Even if the EMSA promulgates regulations, there is still no mandatory requirement for LEMSAs to approve/set rates. If rates are not approved/set by the LEMSAs, there is an alternative option that allows insurance providers to reimburse ambulance services using 'usual and customary' data.
- The scope of work included in the proposal will establish a long-term solution for both initial rates and annual rate increase provisions.
- Public Comment: A representative from NorCal Ambulance indicated that setting rates helps them get reimbursed and agreed with utilizing the consultant for this process.
- Mr. Poland's recommendation to the Board is to move forward with the consultant and recuperate the consultant costs from the applicable providers over a 2-year period, through equitable permit fee increases

Supervisor Connelly motioned to authorize the Regional Executive Director to execute a contract with Page Wolfberg & Wirth, LLC to complete the rate setting project as detailed in the scope of work included in the consultant proposal in the Board packet for this agenda item, and to schedule a public hearing at a future Board meeting to consider fee increases for applicable permit providers to recuperate the consultant cost for this project. Supervisor Corona seconded. A roll call of votes was called: Ayes=7 (Placer, Colusa, Nevada, Butte, Yuba, Glenn, and Tehama counties). Noes=0. Absent=3 (Siskiyou, Shasta, and Sutter Counties). Motion approved.

7. Recommended EMS Service Provider Permit Fee Adjustments

- S-SV EMS recently evaluated the amount of work being performed by Agency staff related to service provider permit issuance and oversight services. It has been 10 – 17 years (depending on permit type) since S-SV EMS last adjusted EMS service provider permit fees. EOA and contract provider fees are significantly higher.
- S-SV EMS service provider permit fees are significantly lower than many other California LEMSAs. As an example, San Joaquin County charges \$18,512 for the same type of BLS transport service provider permit that S-SV EMS charges \$500 for. S-SV EMS is currently subsidizing some of the work that's being done related to these services.
- Additionally, as discussed during the previous agenda item, S-SV EMS will need to increase applicable permit provider fees to recover the Agency's expenses related to the permit provider rate setting project.
- Mr. Poland would like to increase the base provider fee, and then to make it more equitable by including a 'per ambulance' fee, like most other LEMSAs charge.
- Sacramento County is finishing up a fee study and Mr. Poland expects their proposed permit fees to significantly increase over their current levels as a result.
- In addition to a proposed fee increase to address the current level of work being provided by S-SV EMS staff related to these services, Mr. Poland would like to include an annual increase percentage to address ongoing expense increases.

- This is not an action item at this time because there will need to be a legally required public hearing. If the Board ultimately approves fee increases, providers will not see an increase until May of 2027.
- The Board suggested that S-SV EMS propose an annual fee increase tied to CPI.

Supervisor DeMattei motioned to direct staff to move forward with scheduling a public hearing during the August 2026 regularly scheduled Board meeting to consider adjustments to the Agency's EMS ground and air ambulance provider annual permit fees. Supervisor Corona seconded. A roll call of votes was called: Ayes=7 (Placer, Colusa, Nevada, Butte, Yuba, Glenn, and Tehama counties). Noes=0. Absent=3 (Siskiyou, Shasta, and Sutter Counties). Motion approved.

8. Oroville Hospital FY 2025/2026 Annual Storke Receiving Center Designation Fee

- S-SV EMS recently invoiced Oroville Hospital \$5,797.00 for their FY 25/26 annual stroke receiving center designation/oversight fee. S-SV EMS subsequently received a check from Oroville Hospital for \$3255.85, which was about \$2500 less than was billed.
- S-SV EMS followed up with Oroville Hospital and was told that because of their recent bankruptcy filing, they were unable to pay for anything prior to December 8 (when they filed for Chapter 11 protection). They sent S-SV EMS a pro-rated amount for December 8 – June 30th. To collect the balance, S-SV EMS would have to file a claim with the Bankruptcy Court, which is likely not worth the effort for the money owed.
- Mr. Poland was not asking for any specific Board direction but wanted the Board to be aware of the situation.

H. S-SV EMS MEDICAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT

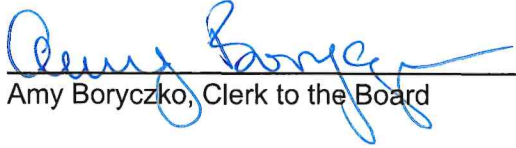
- Dr. Falck talked about Ebola, the current outbreak in Africa, and how it is spread. There is an extensive screening process at the airports. The same personal protective equipment used for COVID is also used for Ebola. The risk of having an Ebola patient in the S-SV EMS region is very small.
- There are now treatments for Ebola. The mortality rate has gone from 80% to 30%.
- On June 30th, UC Davis becomes a Level II Treatment Center for Infectious Diseases.
- Butte County EMS and Mercy Medical Center Redding Ambulance are designated and have the equipment/training to transport highly infectious disease patients. S-SV EMS staff are currently working with these providers and the EMSA on MOUs for these services and to fund any additional equipment/training needs.

I. NEXT JPA GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

The next JPA Board meeting will be Friday, August 14, 2026, at 1:00 p.m. The meeting was adjourned at 2:31 pm.

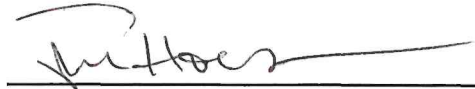
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Respectfully submitted,



Amy Boryczko, Clerk to the Board

8/14/24
Date



Sue Hoek, Chairperson

8/14/2026
Date