



**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          |        |
| Monica Rossman           | Glenn County                  | X -by 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          |        |
| 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)**

| <b>OTHER ATTENDEES</b> |                     |
|------------------------|---------------------|
| <b>ATTENDEE</b>        | <b>REPRESENTING</b> |
| Troy Falck, MD         | S-SV EMS Agency     |
| Patrick Comstock       | S-SV EMS Agency     |
| Jennifer James         | S-SV EMS Agency     |
| Lucas Broskey          | Avive AEDs          |
| Gabe Cruz              | AMR                 |
| Ramit Sahi             | 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 Connolly spoke briefly about the Oroville Hospital situation.

**D. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None was forthcoming

**E. ACTION TO APPROVE CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS**

The following items were considered:

1. June 12, 2026, JPA Board meeting minutes
2. Acid Remap LLC Mobile Application agreement
3. Consultant agreement with PWW Advisory Group for the Ground Ambulance Permit Provider Rate Setting Project
4. Rideout Memorial Hospital dba Adventist Health and Rideout Stroke Center agreement
5. Sutter Roseville Medical Center Stroke Center agreement

Supervisor Corona motioned to approve the consent calendar items. Supervisor Bradford seconded. A roll call of votes was called: Ayes=7 (Colusa, Nevada, Butte, Yuba, Glenn, Tehama, and Shasta counties). Noes=0. Absent=3 (Siskiyou, Placer, and Sutter Counties). Motion approved.

### **F. INFORMATION/PRESENTATION Items – 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 indicated that all providers are doing well and there are no significant issues or concerns.

#### **2. S-SV EMS Member County Updates – attachment & verbal report**

The information was contained in the written report included in the meeting packet.

- Butte County – S-SV EMS continues to monitor the Oroville Hospital Chapter 11 bankruptcy. The bankruptcy judge extended until October 16<sup>th</sup> the hospital's ability to restructure or sell. No significant EMS impacts have been identified to date.
- Glenn County -The Glenn County Ambulance Ad Hoc committee has been reconstituted. They had an initial meeting a few weeks ago, but S-SV EMS was not informed of the meeting due to a miscommunication. S-SV EMS staff will attend the next meeting.
- Nevada County – S-SV EMS staff have been working on the renewal of the Sierra Nevada Ambulance EOA agreement. A draft agreement was recently provided to Sierra Nevada Ambulance as well as Nevada County representatives. It was reviewed by Nevada County Administration as well as Nevada County Council, who provided a few minor comments that were incorporated into the agreement. Mr. Poland and Mr. Comstock met with Sierra Nevada Ambulance representatives about this matter earlier this week. They didn't have any substantive changes or concerns/issues with the document. A final agreement was sent to them for review/signature. It is anticipated that this EOA agreement will be on the October JPA agenda for board consideration.
- Placer County – The Placer County RFP was submitted to EMSA in June. EMSA performed an initial high-level review and sent back some minor items that required modification for legal purposes. S-SV EMS is currently awaiting a more comprehensive EMSA review. Last week, EMSA's lead attorney left the agency, which may delay things. Once the RFP document is approved by EMSA, it will come back to the board for final approval prior to being released for the competitive procurement process.
- Sutter and Yuba Counties – S-SV EMS is currently negotiating replacement EOA agreements with Bi-County Ambulance for Sutter and Yuba counties. Mr. Poland and Mr. Comstock met with the CAO's from Sutter and Yuba counties earlier this week to make sure everyone is on the same page. S-SV EMS and County administration representatives will be meeting with Bi-County Ambulance next week to discuss these agreements. Mr. Poland has no concerns with being able to come to an agreement by the December 31<sup>st</sup> expiration of the current agreements.

#### **3. S-SV EMS Agency Updates**

A written update was provided in the packet. Mr. Poland highlighted a few items.

- Approved in today's consent agenda were two (2) replacement Stroke Center agreements. The 11 remaining Stroke Center agreements will be on the October 2026 JPA meeting agenda for board consideration.
- S-SV is in the process of renewing agreements with AMR Shasta, Mercy Redding Ambulance and St. Elizabeth Ambulance.

- As noted in the report, air ambulance agreements were recently extended with Careflight, Enloe Flight Care, and PHI. The REACH agreement extension is pending.
- S-SV EMS received the 2026 American Heart Association Mission Lifeline Regional Award for serving as a pioneer and innovator in recognizing regional STEMI systems of care. Mr. Poland highlighted the excellent work that the S-SV EMS region hospitals and prehospital providers are doing in STEMI (heart attack) care.
- Sutter Roseville Medical Center recently requested a letter of support from the agency, for the national emergency special pathogens level to special pathogen treatment and network development award grant application. This organization provides grants to hospitals to help them prepare to receive and treat special pathogens patients. As of June, UC Davis Medical Center is now able to receive these patients as well. Prior to this, the closest hospital that could receive/treat these patients was in Southern CA.
- The S-SV EMS annual EMS Plan was approved by EMSA on July 1<sup>st</sup>.

#### **4. EMS Legislation and Regulations Updates – attachment & verbal report**

- The EMS Administrator Association of California and CalACEP co-sponsored a bill this year to extend the Maddy and Richie Fund Assessment for EMS purposes (AB 1607). This bill is waiting for a final Senate floor vote and is expected to pass.
- AB 2405 which requires law enforcement officers, when transporting a 5150 patient with a psychiatric hold, to take them to the closest hospital passed out of the Senate appropriation suspense with amendments, which have not been published yet.
- EMSA has been working on a new chapter of EMS regulations (Chapter 1 - Delivering Equitable and Person-Centered Prehospital Care) for about the last 2 years. This will address EMS plans, EMS system design, RFPs, and contracts. It's currently 100 pages long. These regulations should be released for public comment within the next 90 days to start the formal rulemaking process. When it gets to the public hearing, this will create some additional workload and responsibilities for S-SV EMS.
- Chapter 1.2 (APOT) was approved by the EMS Commission on 6/17/2026. The Office of Administrative Law (OAL) subsequently approved these regulations on 7/23/2026, and because these were emergency regulations, they became effective immediately.
- Chapter 3 (minor update which allows EMTs to administer oral Zofran) was approved by the EMS Commission on 6/17/2026. OAL approval is pending.
- Chapter 6 (Specialty Systems of Care) was approved by the EMS Commission on 6/17/2026 meeting. These were approved by the OAL and will be effective on 10/1/2026. S-SV EMS does not currently have an EMS for children program. There are only 3 or 4 LEMSAs in California that do. S-SV EMS is investigating and working with the hospitals to determine the interest/feasibility in developing/implementing this program.

### **G. ACTION ITEMS**

#### **1. CalPERS PEPRA Pension Contract Amendment – for approval**

- CalPERS reached out to S-SV EMS requesting an update to our current agreement to formally incorporate the PEPRA language that was passed many years ago. There was not a mandatory requirement to update contracts, but several agencies have been doing this over the years, and now CalPERS is circling back to get everyone updated.

- This is a 2-step process, and the first step was accomplished at the previous JPA meeting. This is the final step – for the Board to approve this agreement update. There is no financial impact on either to S-SV EMS or Agency employees.

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

### **2. S-SV EMS Employee Handbook Revisions– for approval**

- During a recent review of the employee handbook, some minor gaps were identified that needed clarification/updating.
- One of the proposed changes is adding disaster service worker and residency requirement language. The California constitution has an amendment that states public agencies can't require its employees to live in their jurisdictional area. However, a public agency can establish a reasonable residency requirement. S-SV EMS is establishing a 100-mile radius within the employees' applicable working location (Rocklin or Redding).
- The other proposed change is with the Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA) and the California Family Rights Act (CFRA). Currently there isn't any reference to the California Family Rights Act, only the Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA). On page 20 of the employee handbook, the first crossed out language is because it's duplicative language. The second cross out section is some generic wording that states the director may require the employee to use any accrued vacation or compensatory time off during this period of leave. Mr. Poland checked the S-SV member counties' HR policies, and they state the employee must use their accrued time off for FMLA, so the language will be changed to reflect that.
- Agency Counsel has reviewed the proposed revisions and does not have any concerns.

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

### **H. Public Hearing - Conduct a public hearing to consider adjustment to the S-SV EMS Agency Fee Schedule specific to EMS Air and Ground Provider Permit Fee Increases – for approval**

- The meeting packet included a board report related to this matter, with background and justification details. The proposed fee increases will apply to ground and air permit providers. EOA and contract provider fees are also being increased through applicable agreements.
- The last time these permit fees were updated which was 10+ years ago. There was also a comparison of S-SV EMS fees with other/similar California LEMSAs.
- Mr. Poland informed the Board of several employee workload requirements related to recent/expected regulatory changes in addition to increased/new expenses for various projects the Agency believes are necessary.
- For fiscal year 2025-26, the ground ambulance permit providers accounted for 25% of the total ground ambulance patient transport volume in the S-SV EMS region but only paid approximately 11% of what was collected from ground ambulance provider fees.

- S-SV EMS is basically subsidizing these costs currently. Because of this, other projects the Agency would like to consider can't be done because the money isn't available.
- Pursuant to previous Board action, the Agency is currently working with a consultant on a ground ambulance rate setting project, which is an additional cost to the Agency that will need to be reimbursed by the providers.
- Mr. Poland mentioned that per the Board's request at the last meeting, he change the 5% annual increase to a standard annual CPI increase.

### **Public Hearing opened at: 1:40 pm**

- Mr. Sahi, from NorCal Ambulance, referenced the proposed per ambulance fee. He asked about having some of their ambulances exempt from the fee if they do not routinely run calls in the S-SV EMS region, or to cap the fee at a certain number. He also requested that there be a maximum/cap on the annual CPI increase.
- No other public comments were forthcoming.

### **Public Hearing closed at: 1:43 pm**

- Mr. Poland responded that he is willing to consider modification for larger providers as requested by Mr. Sahi.
- The Board suggested that if there is a CPI cap, there should also be a 'floor' or minimum amount required as well.
- The Board asked Mr. Sahi about the extent that the reserve fleet runs in the S-SV EMS region. Mr. Sahi didn't have exact number but offered to get that data.
- There was some additional discussion about the possible modification/cap related to the per ambulance fees. Mr. Comstock mentioned that there is still a cost to units that don't run in the county, due to the Agency having to inspect and permit them. It was suggested that every unit inspected should incur a fee, to recover the agency's costs.
- After additional discussion, there was Board consensus to consider/approve the fee adjustments as originally proposed by staff based on their evaluation of current Agency expenses for providing these services.

Supervisor Connelly motioned to set a floor CPI of 1.5% and a cap of 3%. Supervisor Bradford seconded the motion. A roll call of votes was called: Ayes=7 (Colusa, Nevada, Butte, Yuba, Glenn, Tehama, and Shasta counties). Noes=0. Absent=3 (Siskiyou, Placer, and Sutter Counties). Motion approved.

Supervisor Bradford motioned to approve the ground/air ambulance provider fee schedule provided in the staff report. Supervisor Corona seconded the motion. A roll call of votes was called: Ayes=7 (Colusa, Nevada, Butte, Yuba, Glenn, Tehama, and Shasta counties). Noes=0. Absent=3 (Siskiyou, Placer, and Sutter Counties). Motion approved.

## **I. Closed Session**

Pursuant to the cited authority (all references are to the Government Code), the JPA Governing Board will hold a closed session to discuss the following listed item. A report of any action taken will be presented prior to adjournment.

## Sierra – Sacramento EMS Agency – JPA Governing Board Meeting Minutes

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

Closed Session convened at: 2:08 pm

Closed Session reconvened at: 2:19 pm

Closed Session report: The Board heard one item – the Regional Executive Director Annual Performance Review and voted to provide step increase E to F, effective immediately, with a vote of 7-0, with 3 absent.

### **J. S-SV EMS Medical Director's Report**

- S-SV EMS is considering an EMS Buprenorphine pilot program. When EMS arrives on scene with a patient who has had an opioid overdose, about 10-15% of those patients will die within a year related to their opioid misuse/abuse/addiction. Buprenorphine has been used in EMS over the past several years and works differently than methadone. LEMSA Medical Directors can get approval for EMS providers to use buprenorphine in the prehospital setting. Buprenorphine is a partial agonist and when given to someone with opioid addiction, it helps reduce their withdrawal symptoms, and it reduces their craving for more opioids. It will also take away the euphoria when they try taking more opioids. Side effects are minimal. S-SV EMS is surveying providers to see who wants to participate in this. Community services must be provided in conjunction with the Buprenorphine. The medication isn't expensive, but training is required. The more mature programs have been able to reduce the 10-15% death rate in the first year by 50%. Dr. Falck and Mr. Poland will keep the Board updated on this.

### **K. NEXT JPA GOVERNING BOARD MEETING**

The next JPA Board meeting will be Friday, October 9, 2026, at 1:00 p.m. The meeting was adjourned at 2:34 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Signature On File

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Amy Boryczko, Clerk to the Board

10/9/2026

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Sue Hoek, Chairperson

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