



**Contra
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County**

To: Contra Costa County Fire Protection District Board of Directors
From: Jeff Carman, Chief, Contra Costa County Fire Protection District
Date: April 14, 2015

Subject: Contract Amendment for Fire District Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Physician Oversight

RECOMMENDATION(S):

APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the Fire Chief, or designee, to execute a contract amendment agreement with Peter Benson, M.D. to extend the term from May 1, 2015 to May 1, 2016 and increase the payment limit by \$60,000 to a new payment limit of \$117,600 to continue providing physician oversight of fire-based emergency medical services programs.

FISCAL IMPACT:

\$60,000: 100% Special District General Operating Fund; Budgeted in FY 2015-16

BACKGROUND:

The Contra Costa County Fire Protection District (District) entered into a contract with Peter Benson, M.D. on May 1, 2014, to provide physician oversight and input for the District's fire-based emergency medical services (EMS) programs. This includes the EMS squad program, trial studies, potential development of an inter-facility transport program, and most recently, development of a proposal to compete for the rights to the Contra Costa County Emergency Ambulance Exclusive Operating Areas (EOA) I, II, and V.

This amendment extends the term of the existing contract for one year and amends the

☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY
ADMINISTRATOR

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD
COMMITTEE

Action of Board On: **04/14/2015** ☒ APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED ☐ OTHER

Clerks Notes:

VOTE OF SUPERVISORS

AYE: John Gioia, Director
Candace Andersen, Director
Mary N. Piepho, Director
Karen Mitchoff, Director

ABSENT: Federal D. Glover,
Director

Contact: Ben Smith, EMS Chief
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I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of an action taken and entered on the minutes of the Board of Supervisors on the date shown.

ATTESTED: April 14, 2015

David Twa, County Administrator and Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By: June McHuen, Deputy

cc:

payment limit to allow for the continuation of Dr. Benson's medical direction and oversight at this critical time.

CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

The District is in the process of preparing a proposal to compete for the rights to the Contra Costa County Emergency Ambulance EOA I, II, and V. The subject matter expertise of a qualified physician with pre-hospital experience is a critical element for both the continued oversight of existing programs and for a potential significant expansion of fire-based EMS within Contra Costa County.

CHILDREN'S IMPACT STATEMENT:

No impact.