



# Contra Costa County

To: Board of Supervisors  
 From: David Twa, County Administrator  
 Date: May 26, 2020

Subject: Comment Letter to the California Emergency Medical Services Authority

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## **RECOMMENDATION(S):**

APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the Contra Costa County EMS Agency Director to execute and submit a comment letter to the California Emergency Medical Services Authority on proposed amendments to California EMS regulations.

## **FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no fiscal impact associated with drafting and submitting the correspondence to the EMS Authority.

## **BACKGROUND:**

State law (the EMS Act) authorizes the California Emergency Medical Services Authority to adopt regulations that apply to local EMS agencies throughout the state. On March 6, 2020, the EMS Authority published proposed changes to these regulations, Chapter 13 of Division 9 of Title 22 of the California Code of Regulations. Chapter 13 is commonly referred to as the "Emergency Medical Services System Regulations."

Many of the proposed regulations are problematic for the County in carrying out its EMS

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 RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY ADMINISTRATOR  RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD COMMITTEE

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Action of Board On: **05/26/2020**  APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED  OTHER

Clerks Notes:

### **VOTE OF SUPERVISORS**

AYE: John Gioia, District I Supervisor  
 Candace Andersen, District II Supervisor  
 Diane Burgis, District III Supervisor  
 Karen Mitchoff, District IV Supervisor  
 Federal D. Glover, District V Supervisor

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: May 26, 2020

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

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responsibilities. In particular, the

BACKGROUND: (CONT'D)

EMS Authority proposes a regulation to prohibit sub-contracting of emergency ambulance services. The Alliance model, the contractual relationship between the Contra Costa County Fire Protection District and American Medical Response West (AMR) for the delivery of 911 emergency ambulance service within Contra Costa County, would be directly and adversely affected by such a regulation if it were adopted by the EMS Authority.

The public comment period on the proposed regulations closes on June 8, 2020, and all correspondence related to this matter must be received by the EMS Authority no later than this date.

CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

The County will not participate in the public rulemaking process.