To: Contra Costa County Fire Protection District Board of Directors

From: Lewis T. Broschard III, Chief, Contra Costa Fire Protection District

Date: May 26, 2020

Subject: Comment Letter to the California Emergency Medical Services Authority

#### **RECOMMENDATION(S):**

APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the Chair of the Board of Directors 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 Fire Protection District as a 911

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Clerks Notes: VOTE OF SUPERVISORS AYE: John Gioia, Director Candace Andersen, Director Diane Burgis, Director Karen Mitchoff, Director Federal D. Glover, Director	Supervisors on the date shown. ATTESTED: May 26, 20	correct copy of an action taken and entered on the minutes of the Board of 020 histrator and Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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emergency ambulance operator. In particular, the EMS Authority proposes a regulation to prohibit sub-contracting of emergency ambulance

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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 Fire Protection District will not participate in the public rulemaking process.