

**Mountain-Valley  
Emergency Medical Services Agency  
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
Special Meeting February 14, 2022**

Location: Via Zoom  
 Time: 3:00 PM

Board Members Present: Gary Tofanelli (Chairperson) – Calaveras County; Jeff Brown (Vice-Chairperson) – Amador County; Terry Woodrow – Alpine County; Miles Menetrey – Mariposa County; Buck Condit – Stanislaus County

Guests: Chief Richard Murdock – Stanislaus County Fire Warden; Cindy Woolston - AMR; Mary Ann Lilly – Stanislaus County Health Services Agency; Jewel Warr – Stanislaus County CEO Office; Alan McNany – American Legion Ambulance; Michael Courtney – Westside Community Ambulance; Lori Sicard – Stanislaus County Counsel

Staff: Cindy Murdaugh – Executive Director; Susan Watson – Executive Secretary / Financial Services Assistant; Derek Cole – Agency Counsel; Marilyn Smith – Response and Transport Coordinator; Justin Murdock – EMS Critical Care Coordinator

**A. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 PM by Chairperson Tofanelli with a quorum of five members present.

**B. Welcome and Introductions**

Ms. Watson conducted a roll call of the JPA Board members. Chairperson Tofanelli called for self-introductions by guests.

**C. System Enhancement Policy Changes per Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors**

Chairperson Tofanelli reported there was a meeting on February 11, 2022 with himself, Supervisor Woodrow and Derek Cole representing the Agency. Attendees from Stanislaus County included Richard Murdock, Lori Sicard, and Jewell Warr.

A long discussion of the policy centered on the standing AMR would have on the spending of the System Enhancement Funds. It was stated Stanislaus County would indemnify the Agency if AMR proceeded on anything related to how the funds were spent. After further investigation, Chairperson Tofanelli agrees that AMR has very little say on how the funds are spent.

Chairperson Tofanelli voiced concern over the change that allows use of the funds for the start-up costs for the EMS Agency. All of the other eligible uses identified in the policy are limited to an amount not to exceed 2.5% of the remaining available funds, while maintaining a minimum fund balance of \$100,000. But no limitation was set regarding the start-up funds.

Ms. Sicard identified the start-up costs as a separate category of spending from the other eligible uses of the fund, and therefore it is not subject to the same spending limitations. She did say the intent is not to consume all of the remaining System Enhancement Funds for the start-up costs. She further clarified the indemnification mentioned above would be a part of the MOU being developed for the transition of Stanislaus County out of the JPA.

Supervisor Condit recommended the JPA Board adopt the policy as well.

Mr. Cole advised the Board direct the Executive Director to revise and reissue policy 951.20 administratively to conform to what the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors has adopted.

**M/S/C** (Condit/Woodrow) To direct the Executive Director to revise policy 951.20 to conform to the language as adopted by the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors.

**Motion Passed 5-0**

**D. Next Scheduled Regular Meeting**

Monday, March 14, 2022 at 10:00 AM via Zoom.

**E. Adjournment**

Chairperson Tofanelli adjourned the meeting at 3:16 PM.