

**Mountain-Valley
Emergency Medical Services Agency
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
September 9, 2021**

Location: Via Zoom
Time: 10:00 AM
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: Derek Cole – Agency Counsel; Chief Mike Johnson – Ebbetts Pass Fire District; Josh Brace – Modesto Fire Department

Staff: Cindy Murdaugh – Executive Director; Susan Watson – Executive Secretary / Financial Services Assistant; Tom Morton – Communications and Data Systems Coordinator; Justin Murdock – EMS Critical Care Coordinator; Amy Diaz – Front Office and Certifications

A. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM 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 introduced the guests on the Zoom call.

C. Correspondence

None.

D. Additions/Deletions, Corrections to Agenda

M/S/C (Menetrey/Condit) To approve the agenda as written.

Motion Passed 5-0

E. Public Forum

None.

F. Approval of Consent Calendar

M/S/C (Woodrow/Brown) To approve the consent calendar.

Motion Passed 5-0

G. Agreement with Copperopolis Fire Protection District

Ms. Murdaugh presented the renewal agreement with Copperopolis Fire Protection District for First Responder Advanced Life Support services in Calaveras County. The agreement will be effective October 1, 2021 for a period of five years.

Chairperson Tofanelli said he had read the contract and found it to be a good agreement.

M/S/C (Brown/Menetrey) To approve the agreement with Copperopolis Fire Protection District.

Motion Passed 5-0

H. Planning Discussion

Chairperson Tofanelli reported he and Supervisor Woodrow will meet via phone conference at 10:00 AM tomorrow with Derek Cole and a former member of the San Joaquin County EMS Agency concerning an inventory of the Agency's current assets. A quote of \$75 per hour has been received and the scope of work will be discussed.

There will also be a further discussion tomorrow with Derek Cole regarding the legal process regarding the disposition of contracts between the Agency and entities located in Stanislaus County that will be in effect on June 30, 2022.

Supervisor Brown had discussions with Brian Veerkamp of El Dorado County EMS as well as Chief Johnson of El Dorado Hills Fire. A copy of the member county contract with Amador County was provided for consideration. A response is pending.

Supervisor Menetrey had no further report regarding Tuolumne County's interest in joining the JPA, but will continue to ask the designated work group in Mariposa County for a current update on this project.

Supervisor Condit said Stanislaus County was available to help facilitate where needed.

Chairperson Tofanelli requested the Board's concurrence for he and Supervisor Woodrow to set a meeting to speak with the Agency's current employees. There would be a report back to the Board at the October 2021 meeting. All of the Board members concurred with this request.

I. Closed Session

The Board entered into closed session at 10:21 AM.

J. Results of Closed Session

Open session resumed at 10:40 AM. Derek Cole reported the Board of Directors met in closed session to receive an update on one potential litigation matter. The Board received an update and provided direction to Counsel and Staff. No further reportable action was taken.

K. Agency and County Reports

Mariposa County: The Mariposa County Fair was held over the past weekend. Visitors enjoyed the outdoor activities, but there were significantly less indoor booth offerings. The number of COVID cases is declining.

Amador County: The number of COVID cases is declining. All else is going well aside from the fire.

Alpine County: There is an increase in employee exposures to COVID in the East side of the County as children are returning to school, many of whom attend school in Nevada. The County is still dealing with fire in the Kirkwood area.

Stanislaus County: There is a mask mandate in place for all public indoor spaces. It is hoped this will bring relief to the healthcare system which is operating at maximum capacity. Due to ambulance staffing issues, Stanislaus Consolidated Fire Protection District recently began providing standbys for Waterford High School football games.

Calaveras County: The COVID death rate is increasing and hospitalizations are pushing hospital limits; although overall case numbers are starting to go down. The news is reporting another new variant of the COVID-19 virus which has appeared throughout the country.

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Agency: Ms. Murdaugh reported the Agency has reverted to accepting only online certification applications for now. The current Stanislaus County mask mandate is being enforced within the Agency office.

On Sunday evening the 911 system was interrupted as were all AT&T phones as well as service by Verizon. Notifications went out to the citizens from the PSAP providing them 7 digit numbers to use to contact 911.

Supervisor Condit noted that the PSAP, OES and PIO teams all did a good job working through this incident that occurred over a twelve hour period.

L. Next Scheduled Regular Meeting

October 21, 2021 at 10:00 AM Via Zoom

Supervisor Brown said he will not be available to attend that meeting. Supervisor Tofanelli indicated any email / comments from Supervisor Brown regarding the agenda items will be shared on his behalf.

M. Adjournment

Chairperson Tofanelli adjourned the meeting at 10:55 AM.