

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**



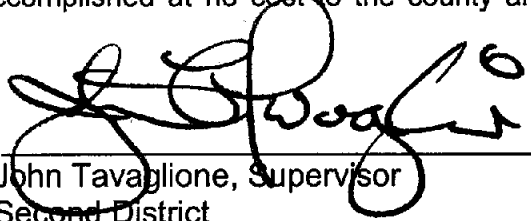
**FROM:** Supervisor John Tavaglione

**SUBMITTAL DATE:** August 16, 2011

**SUBJECT: Amendment of Contract between the County of Riverside and American Medical Response (AMR)**

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of Supervisors direct the Executive Office to work with Community Health Agency (CHA) in consultation with Riverside County Fire /Cal Fire to develop a proposed contract amendment with American Medical Response that provides for earned automatic annual contract renewals and a 5 year wind-down period should the Board of Supervisors decide to put the county's ambulance contract out to bid or cancel the contract for any reason.

**BACKGROUND:** Infrastructure costs associated with providing ambulance services throughout our vast county are very high. AMR routinely enters into leases for necessary facilities that far exceed the terms of their contract. They are also upgrading their radio system infrastructure to allow for communications with the county's new tri-band radio system (which is a proprietary system that cannot be used elsewhere). AMR has significant financial exposure under the current contract. In providing for a 5 year contract wind-down period, AMR is able to commit significant additional financial resources to enhance the services and infrastructure they provide to our residents. These enhancements will improve their life-saving capabilities and can shorten response times and transport times. These improvements will save lives and can be accomplished at no cost to the county and, more importantly, the patient.

  
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John Tavaglione, Supervisor  
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