

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

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**FROM:** Department of Public Health

**SUBMITTAL DATE:**  
November 14, 2013

**SUBJECT:** Receive and File Emergency Medical Services (EMS) System Evaluation Update. All Districts. Cost [\$0].

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Receives and files the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) System Evaluation Update.

**BACKGROUND:**

**Summary**

The comprehensive evaluation of the County's Emergency Medical Services (EMS) system is ongoing. This evaluation will provide the EMS Agency (REMSA) and the Executive Office with recommendations for improving the EMS system including the County's master ambulance service agreement. Recommendations will be presented to the Board of Supervisors by March 2014. The Abaris Group has been contracted to perform the evaluation and develop recommendations for the new EMS plan.

Departmental Concurrence

*Susan D. Harrington*

Susan Harrington, Director  
Department of Public Health

FINANCIAL DATA	Current Fiscal Year:	Next Fiscal Year:	Total Cost:	Ongoing Cost:	POLICY/CONSENT (per Exec. Office)
COST	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	Consent <input type="checkbox"/> Policy <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
NET COUNTY COST	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	
<b>SOURCE OF FUNDS:</b> N/A				<b>Budget Adjustment:</b> No	
				<b>For Fiscal Year:</b> 2013/14	

**C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:**

APPROVE

BY:

*Jennifer L. Sargent*

County Executive Office Signature

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

- Positions Added
- Change Order
- A-30
- 4/5 Vote

Prev. Agn. Ref.: 10/22/13 2-8

District: All

Agenda Number:

2-17

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**BACKGROUND:**

**Summary (continued)**

Activities already conducted by the Abaris Group include the following:

1. The final "As Is" report, on the current design and function of the EMS system has been completed. The report was approved by the EMS System Evaluation Steering Committee on October 3, 2013 and is now posted on the REMSA website.
2. The following activities also occurred at the EMS System Evaluation Steering Committee meeting on October 31, 2013.
  - A final draft of EMS system improvement recommendations was presented and discussed. The Abaris Group reviewed changes to the recommendations incorporating feedback received from the committee at the last meeting on October 3, 2013.
  - A financial analysis on current and projected ambulance contract revenue was presented followed by discussion, questions and answers. The financial analysis has been finalized and will be included as an attachment in the final recommendations document.
  - Requirements and options for design of the EMS Transportation Plan, ambulance exclusive operating areas (EOAs) and State approval of the County EMS Plan were reviewed and discussed.

Current activities being conducted by the Abaris Group include the following:

1. Finalize development of a scope of work for the County master ambulance service agreement.
2. Schedule the third round of Broad Stakeholder Group Meetings to occur on December 11, 2013 in Riverside and Temecula and on December 12, 2013 in Palm Desert and Banning.
3. Prepare documents and deliverables for the next EMS System Evaluation Steering Committee meeting that is scheduled for December 9, 2013.

There have been no modifications to the remainder of the project timeline which remains as follows:

- May-August 2013 – complete the system financing assessment and develop preliminary system improvement recommendations.
- August-October 2013 – develop options for the EMS transportation plan and ambulance contract scope of work.
- October-December 2013 – refine and finalize system improvement recommendations.
- December 2013-February 2014 – draft proposed updates to the EMS plan.
- March 2014 – present evaluation findings and recommendations to the Board of Supervisors.
- June 2014 – receive direction from the Board of Supervisors and notice the current contracted ambulance provider.
- July 2014 – June 2015 – finalize project and begin implementation of the new EMS plan.

Information related to the EMS system evaluation will continue to be posted and updated on the EMS Agency website at [rivcoems.org](http://rivcoems.org).

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**Impact on Citizens and Businesses**

The citizens of Riverside County require the services supplied by an efficient EMS system. The EMS system evaluation project will result in improvements to the County EMS plan designed to optimize emergency medical care to citizens and residents thereby minimizing morbidity and mortality from acute illnesses and traumatic injuries.