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



**FROM:** Department of Public Health

**SUBMITTAL DATE:**  
December 19, 2013

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

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of Supervisors:  
Receive and file 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

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

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

APPROVE

*Jennifer L. Sargent*  
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.:** 11/26/13 2-17

**District:** All

**Agenda Number:**

2-5

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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.
  - The "As Is" report has been amended to include an appendix containing the financial analysis performed by Abaris on current and projected ambulance contract revenue.
  - An appendix outlining the legal considerations for changes to the EMS transportation plan based upon maintaining State approval of the County EMS plan
2. Development of EMS system improvement recommendations based upon observations detailed in the "As Is" report. The recommendations were finalized, reviewed and endorsed by the EMS System Evaluation Steering Committee during their December 9, 2014 meeting. The recommendations were then presented during the third round of Broad Stakeholder Group Meetings that occurred on December 11, 2013 in Riverside and Temecula and on December 12, 2013 in Palm Desert and Banning.
3. Development of a draft scope of work for the new master ambulance agreement. The draft scope of work was reviewed by the EMS System Steering Committee at the December 19, 2013 meeting.

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

1. Final preparation of all deliverables and documents for phase one completion and presentation to the Board of Supervisors at a workshop scheduled by March 2014.

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.