



# County of Santa Barbara

## BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

### Minute Order

April 4, 2023

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**Present:** 5 - Supervisor Williams, Supervisor Capps, Supervisor Hartmann, Supervisor Nelson, and Supervisor Lavagnino

PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

File Reference No. 23-00363

**RE:** HEARING - Consider recommendations regarding the Ambulance Request-for-Proposal (Ambulance RFP) Update and Direction Request, as follows: (EST. TIME: 2 HR.)

a) Receive and file the Intent to Award the Ambulance RFP No. 8010001 to American Medical Response (AMR), West;

b) Authorize the Public Health Department Director, and/or designee, to negotiate an exclusive contract for Ambulance Services with AMR; or

c) Cancel the Ambulance RFP in part or in whole upon finding that cancellation is in the best interest of the County and provide direction to staff to:

i) Start a new competitive procurement process; or

ii) Update the current exclusive “grandfathered” agreement with AMR for Service Area 1; or

iii) Let the current exclusive “grandfathered” agreement expire and enter into a “non-exclusive” ambulance arrangement; or

iv) Explore other options for ambulance service delivery; and

d) Determine that the proposed action does not constitute a “Project” within the meaning of California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to Section 15378(b)(4) of the CEQA Guidelines, because it consists of the creation of a government funding mechanism or other government fiscal activities, which does not involve any commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant impact on the environment.

COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICER’S RECOMMENDATION: POLICY

*HEARING TIME: 11:34 AM - 1:27 AM (1 HR. 53 MIN.)*



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Received and filed staff presentation and conducted a public hearing.

A motion was made by Supervisor Hartmann, seconded by Supervisor Nelson, that this matter be acted on as follows:

- a) Received and filed;
- b) and c) i) and ii) No action taken;
- c) iii) Approved; Canceled the Ambulance Request-for-Proposal in part or in whole upon finding that cancellation is in the best interest of the County and provided direction to staff to: Let the current exclusive “grandfathered” agreement expire and enter into a “non-exclusive” ambulance arrangement;

Further directed staff to explore potential amendments to the County’s Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Plan and amendments to County Code to implement a non-exclusive emergency ambulance services, including exploring moving Local Emergency Medical Services Agency (LEMSA) from Public Health to the County Fire Department, and directed staff to return to the Board and report on proposed amendments;

- c) iv) No action taken; and
- d) Approved.

The motion carried by the following vote:

**Ayes:** 5 - Supervisor Williams, Supervisor Capps, Supervisor Hartmann, Supervisor Nelson, and Supervisor Lavagnino