



# County of Santa Barbara

## BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

### Minute Order

February 11, 2025

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

PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

File Reference No. 25-00112

**RE:** Consider recommendations regarding an Exclusive Ambulance Services Provider Agreement between the County of Santa Barbara and American Medical Response West (AMR), as follows:

a) Repeal Ordinance 5182 that rescinded and replaced Chapter 5 of the Santa Barbara County Code (Ambulances) on June 20, 2023, which will nullify the actions to approve the permit for the Fire District and deny the permit for AMR taken thereunder;

b) Approve the introduction (first reading) of an Ordinance repealing Ordinance No. 5182, Santa Barbara County Code, Chapter 5, titled Ambulances that established a non-exclusive system to regulate, set rates for, issue permits for, and contract with ambulance services;

c) Read the title of the Ordinance and waive further reading of the Ordinance in full;

d) Approve and authorize the Chair to execute an Agreement with AMR to provide ambulance services for the Santa Barbara County Exclusive Operating Area with an annual cost reimbursement to the County in the amount of up to \$3,989,831.00 for performance period of February 11, 2025 through February 10, 2029. If the County or AMR does not provide written notice of withdrawal six (6) months before the end of the applicable term the Agreement will automatically renew for one (1) year terms not to exceed beyond February 10, 2033;

e) Approve and authorize the Director of the Public Health Department and the Local Emergency Medical Services Authority to make immaterial changes such as correcting clerical errors and updating contact information, upon review and concurrence by the Offices of the County Executive, County Counsel, and Auditor-Controller, as may be applicable;

f) Determine that the above recommended actions are not a "Project" under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) per CEQA Guideline 15387(b)(5) because the actions are organizational or administrative activities of governments that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment; and

g) Continue the item to the Administrative Agenda of March 4, 2025 to consider adoption of the Ordinance, as follows:

i) Consider the adoption (second reading) of an Ordinance repealing Ordinance No. 5182, Santa



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Barbara County Code, Chapter 5, titled Ambulances that established a non-exclusive system to regulate, set rates for, issue permits for, and contract with ambulance services; and

ii) Determine that the above recommended action is not a “Project” under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) per CEQA Guideline 15387(b)(5) because the action is an organizational or administrative activity of the government that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment.

**Peter Van Duiwyk, Robert Kovach, Brian Fallon, Bryan Fernandez, Louis Farah Jr., Brad Dandridge, Joseph Pennino and Andy Caldwell addressed the Board.**

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

- a) **Approved;**
- b) **Approved introduction (first reading);**
- c) **Read title and waived further reading of the Ordinance;**
- d) **Approved and authorized; Chair to execute;**
- e) **Approved and authorized;**
- f) **Approved; and**
- g) **i) and ii) Set for March 4, 2025 on the Administrative Agenda to consider the adoption (second reading) for the Ordinance.**

**The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** 3 - Supervisor Capps, Supervisor Hartmann, and Supervisor Lavagnino

**Noes:** 2 - Supervisor Lee, and Supervisor Nelson