



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: Public Health
Department No.: 041
For Agenda Of: November 15, 2011
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Takashi Wada, MD, MPH, Director and Health Officer
Director(s) Public Health Department
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(EMS) Agency 681-5264
SUBJECT: Maddy Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Fund

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: N/A

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors consider recommendations regarding the Maddy Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Fund as follows:

- a) Adopt the attached resolution to maintain the Maddy EMS Fund for Santa Barbara County by continuing to assess fines on certain criminal violations and on alcohol and drug related criminal violations.
- b) Direct EMS Agency staff of the Public Health Department to work with other County staff and interested parties to assess options for providing a permanent source of funding for a Maddy EMS Fund in Santa Barbara County.
- c) Determine that these activities are exempt from California Environmental Quality Act review per CEQA Guideline Section 15061(b)(3), since it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activities may have a significant effect on the environment.

Summary Text:

This item is on the agenda to adopt a resolution for the continuation of the Maddy EMS Fund. Adopting this resolution will maintain and provide funds to the Maddy EMS Fund to partially compensate hospitals and physicians for their uncompensated care of emergency and trauma patients and support the emergency medical services system. Anticipating the sunset of AB 1900, local emergency room physicians and County staff worked with Assembly Member Das Williams to introduce Assembly Bill 412 which became law effective January 2012. AB 412 permits Santa Barbara County to assess

additional penalties, fines or forfeitures on certain types of criminal violations, as allowed under Government Code Sections 67104.1 and 76000. AB 412 requires the County's Board of Supervisors to adopt a resolution for the purpose of providing payments to providers for uncompensated emergency medical care services. The bill also states:

- "It is the intent of the Legislature, in enacting this measure to authorize the collection of a penalty assessment for the support of emergency medical services, that the County of Santa Barbara secure a permanent local funding mechanism to ensure the continuation of trauma care in the region before January 1, 2014."
- The Board of Supervisors must report to the Legislature whether, and to the extent that, any actions are taken by Santa Barbara County to implement alternative local sources of funding.

Background:

The term "Maddy Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Fund" refers to a funding mechanism that generates funds through the assessment of penalties on motor vehicle and criminal fines and forfeitures to partially compensate health care providers for otherwise uncompensated emergency medical services. This mechanism has been in place for Santa Barbara County at different levels of funding since 2005 through various legislative mechanisms.

From the Maddy EMS Fund's inception in 2005, through the end of the current fiscal year, an estimated \$10,643,833 will have been generated to support emergency medical and trauma care services in Santa Barbara County which is allocated as follows:

- Physicians: \$5,388,123
- Hospitals: \$3,557,492
- Pediatric Trauma: \$289,585 (Ritchie pediatric trauma care funding required by SB 1236)
- County Emergency Medical Service Agency: \$344,251

For FY 2011-12 the anticipated revenue to be received from all Maddy EMS Fund sources is \$879,842 which represents a loss of revenue of approximately \$180,000 due to the sunset of AB 1900 (Nava).

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Fiscal Analysis:

There is no General Fund impact or facility impact associated with this proposal. The Public Health Department (PHD), as the Administering Agency may retain the actual cost for these services up to 10% of the funds deposited. It is anticipated that this amount will be adequate to cover the administration involved in the distribution of the monies.

For FY 2010-11 total revenues received from all Maddy funding sources were \$1,059,000. For FY 2011-12 the anticipated revenue to be received from all Maddy fund sources is \$879,842 which represents a loss of revenue of approximately \$180,000. This translates to an approximate decrease in funding of \$101,000 for Physicians, \$61,000 for Hospitals, and \$13,000 for the EMS Agency. It is expected that in FY 2012-13 revenues from AB 412 will be sufficient to mostly make up the revenue losses from AB 1900.

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For FY 2011-12 budget, the allotment is included as part of the adjusted PHD's budget. It is included in the EMS Cost Center of the Community Health Division of PHD as shown on page D-216 of the County's Operating Plan Document.

Special Instructions:

Please return a copy of the fully executed resolution along with a copy of the minute order to PHD Contracts Unit, 300 North San Antonio Road, Building 8, Santa Barbara, CA 93110 Attn: Rose Davis (805) 681-5107.

Attachments:

Resolution to Maintain the Emergency Medical Services Fund Commonly Referred to as the Maddy EMS Fund

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