



**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER**


Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Submitted on:
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Department Name:	County Health Department
Department No.:	041
Agenda Date:	December 16, 2025
Placement:	Administrative Agenda
Estimated Time:	
Continued Item:	No
If Yes, date from:	
Vote Required:	Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Director: Mouhanad Hammami, County Health
 Contact: Lars Seifert, Deputy Director of Operations, County Health
SUBJECT: **Emergency Medical Care Committee Adoption of By-laws and Appointments**

Signed by:

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County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence:

As to form: N/A

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Approve Bylaws for the Emergency Medical Care Committee (EMCC) adopted by unanimous consent of EMCC members in attendance on July 16, 2025;
- b) Appoint two new committee members to the EMCC as follows:
 - i) Garrett Huff, County Fire District representative, Santa Barbara County Fire District; and
 - ii) Dave Schierman, private ambulance provider representative, American Medical Response;
- c) Affirm the appointment of Ryland McCracken, Montecito Fire District, on November 5, 2024, as the Public Agency Paramedic appointment by the County Health Director to correct a clerical error on the listed public agency; and
- d) Determine the above actions do not constitute a "Project" subject to environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15378(b)(5), as the actions are organizational or administrative activities that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes to the environment.

Summary Text:

This Board item recommends approval of bylaws for the County's Emergency Medical Care Committee ("EMCC" or "Committee"), adopted unanimously by appointed committee members at a regularly noticed meeting on July 16, 2025. The EMCC was established in October 2023 as a local advisory body to the Board of Supervisors and the Local Emergency Medical Services Agency on all matters related to the emergency medical services system. This item also establishes two new committee representatives, representing the County Fire District and the County's contracted ambulance transport provider, to ensure comprehensive advisory input is included from these key emergency medical care system stakeholders.

Discussion:

By Resolution the Board of Supervisors ("Board") established the EMCC to act in an advisory capacity to the Board and the Local Emergency Medical Services Agency (LEMSA) on matters related to emergency medical services system. The establishment of the EMCC was contemplated by your Board to also enhance coordination and communication among emergency medical care participants in Santa Barbara County to further serve and protect the health and safety of medical patients in the County.

On March 24, 2025, LEMSA held the first EMCC meeting. Draft bylaws were presented as an agenda item; however, the EMCC lacked a quorum to conduct business at this meeting. During the subsequent meeting noticed for July 16, 2025, the Committee discussed and approved bylaws by unanimous vote of attending members. As directed by your Board on November 5, 2024, we are returning to request approval of the EMCC bylaws as established by the Committee. Bylaws (Attachment A) detail governance of the Committee, such as addressing committee vacancies, meeting structure, standards and ethics, and process to amend the Bylaws should amendments be necessary in the future.

During its review of the bylaws, the members recommended the Board establish two (2) new voting members to address the lack of emergency and non-emergency ground transport representation on the established EMCC. The bylaws before your Board today include two (2) additional voting members; one (1) representing the County Fire District and one (1) representing American Medical Response (AMR), to ensure comprehensive advisory input is included from these key emergency medical care system stakeholders.

If your Board approves the bylaws with the additional membership, the recommendations today also request appointment of the following nominees to the remaining period of the inaugural four-year term of the EMCC, expiring January 31, 2029:

- Garrett Huff, Deputy Fire Chief of Emergency Services, nominated by Santa Barbara County Fire District (Attachment B) to be considered for appointment.
- Dave Schierman, Director of Operations, nominated by American Medical Response (Attachment C) to be considered for appointment.

A review of EMCC structures and memberships in the State routinely includes emergency and non-emergency ground transport representation on their Emergency Medical Care Committees; however, this is not a statutory obligation for this local advisory body.

Background:

On October 10, 2023, your Board passed Resolution 23-217 establishing the Emergency Medical Care Committee (EMCC) with the goal of enhancing the County's Emergency Medical Services System to

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further serve and protect the health and safety of pre-hospital medical patients in the County. By State statute, the EMCC serves in an advisory capacity to the Board of Supervisors and the Santa Barbara County Local Emergency Services Agency.

On November 5, 2024, your Board took further action by appointing 15 of the 16 members to the Committee; the First Supervisorial District has not yet appointed a committee member. During that action, County staff were directed to return to the Board with bylaws once they were approved by the Committee.

Regular meeting minutes and agendas for the Emergency Medical Care Committee can be found on the County's Boards & Committees website at: <https://www.countyofsb.org/4530/Emergency-Medical-Care-Committee-EMCC>.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: N/A

Attachments:

Attachment A – EMCC Bylaws

Attachment B – EMCC Nomination Letter for Garrett Huff, Santa Barbara County Fire District

Attachment C – EMCC Nomination Letter for Dave Schierman, AMR

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