

## **FINDINGS for Fire District**

**Santa Barbara County Code, Chapter 5, Ambulances, Section 5-6.** The Board of Supervisors finds that, as detailed in the Permit Officer's assessment presented to the Board of Supervisors at the hearing of September 19, 2023, incorporated herein by reference, the Fire District meets the Minimum Qualifications for all Provider Permit Types.

**Santa Barbara County Code, Chapter 5, Ambulances, Section 5-7.** The Board of Supervisors has considered the totality of the circumstances including public health, safety, welfare, convenience, and necessity in making the following findings to approve the Fire District's application for Provider Permit Type – Emergency Medical Service Call, Provider Permit Type – IFT and Special Events Stand By, and Provider Permit Type – CCT.

**(1) Section 5-7(A)(1). The Board of Supervisors finds that the Fire District's experience, qualifications, and fitness to provide medical transportation services support approval.**

As articulated in the Fire District's permit application and affirmed through the LEMSA's review, the Fire District has a proven and stable track record of rendering emergency, non-emergency, and urgent ambulance services at levels of clinical quality and response time substantially equivalent to the services required under the ordinance. The District currently provides ALS services to some of the most geographically challenging and complex areas of Cuyama Valley, the unincorporated areas of Lompoc Valley and the UCSB campus. The District is well qualified to expand emergency, IFAT and CCT ambulance services throughout the county under the ordinance.

**(2) Section 5-7(A)(2). The Board of Supervisors finds that the feasibility and economic viability of the Fire District's proposed services are sustainable as proposed.**

As articulated in the Fire District's permit application and affirmed through the LEMSA's review, the Fire District clearly demonstrated the financial stability and sustainability of the proposed services. As a government entity, the District's financials are audited annually and the budget is adopted annually in public meetings. The District provided financial assessment for all three permit types and sufficient analysis to support sustainability by utilizing efficiencies across the three permit types. The District is positioned to ensure that all system revenue is utilized to provide and enhance EMS service delivery for Santa Barbara County residents and visitors.

**(3) Section 5-7(A)(3). The Board of Supervisors finds that the Fire District's proposal demonstrates a community benefit through innovative service delivery, local reinvestment and reasonably assures an integrated public safety response to time sensitive EMS needs.**

As articulated in the Fire District's permit application and affirmed through the LEMSA's review, innovation, integration and reinvestment are the strengths of the District's application. The District's existing infrastructure, organizational structure, upcoming Regional Emergency Communication Center and overall county support system are well positioned to provide services under all three permit types. The innovations proposed are numerous and most notably include local revenue reinvestment, community paramedicine, mental health co-response with the Department of Behavioral Wellness, dedicated IFT resources, improved response times for Priority 1 calls and community career development.