



**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER**

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Agenda Number:

Submitted on:
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Department Name: County Health Department
Department No.: 041
Agenda Date: July 14, 2026
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 Appointment**

Signed by:
Mouhanad Hammami
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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) Appoint Brian Fallon, Fire Chief representative nominated by the Fire Chiefs Association of Santa Barbara County, to the Emergency Medical Care Committee (EMCC) to replace a retiring member for the remainder of their appointment; and
- b) Determine the above action does 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 agenda item is to appoint a Fire Chief-representative to the Emergency Medical Care Committee (EMCC) of the County of Santa Barbara, nominated by the Fire Chiefs Association of Santa Barbara County. This appointment will replace a previously appointed member on the EMCC who has resigned from their position due to retirement prior to the completion of the term of appointment. The term of the replacement appointment for Brian Fallon, Fire Chief-representative, will remain the same and conclude on January 31, 2029. The Board established the EMCC with the goal of enhancing the County's Emergency Medical Services System to further serve and protect the health and safety of medical patients in the County, and this appointment will provide critical advisory capacity as the

Fire Chiefs Association of Santa Barbara County is an important partner in the local emergency medical services system.

Discussion:

By Resolution, the EMCC acts as an advisory body to the Board of Supervisors and the Local Emergency Medical Services Agency (LEMSA) on all matters related to emergency medical services as directed by the Board of Supervisors. County Board of Supervisors Resolution No. 23-217 (adopted October 10, 2023) established the membership and nomination process for EMCC members. As identified in the Resolution, committee nominations for Board appointment include one member nominated by the Fire Chiefs Association of Santa Barbara County.

This Board action today appoints one replacement member as follows:

- The Fire Chiefs Association of Santa Barbara County has nominated Brian Fallon, Fire Chief of the Montecito Fire Protection District as of April 1, 2026, and formerly the Fire Chief of the Lompoc Fire Department (Attachment A), to be considered for appointment to the EMCC to replace Chief David Neels, who has retired and resigned their position (Attachment B).

Nominees, if appointed by your Board, will replace their respective members and will complete the four-year term of office as established by Resolution No. 23-217. The term of office for the replacement appointee will expire on January 31, 2029.

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

The Fire Chiefs Association initially nominated Chief David Neels, who was appointed by your Board to the EMCC on November 5, 2024. With his retirement and resignation from this committee, the Fire Chiefs Association is nominating Chief Brian Fallon to fulfill the remainder of the appointment term.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: N/A

Attachments:

Attachment A – EMCC Nomination Packet for Brian Fallon, Fire Chiefs Association of Santa Barbara County

Attachment B – EMCC Member Resignation, Fire Chiefs Association of Santa Barbara County

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