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COMPLETED BOARD ORDER MONTEREY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

MEETING: May 17, 2011

AGENDA NO: Consent 24

SUBJECT: Approve and authorize the Emergency Medical Services Agency Director to submit the revised annual Monterey County EMS Plans for 2009 and 2010 to the California State Emergency Medical Services Authority.

DEPARTMENT: Health Emergency Medical Services Agency

RECOMMENDATIONS:

It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors:

Approve and authorize the Emergency Medical Services Agency Director to submit the revised annual Monterey County EMS Plans for 2009 and 2010 to the California State Emergency Medical Services Authority.

SUMMARY:

State law requires any County that establishes an Emergency Medical Services (EMS) program to develop a local EMS Plan and file it with the California EMS Authority. Monterey County's initial EMS Plan was filed with the State in 1984, under the State EMS System Standards and Guidelines in effect at that time. The Monterey County EMS Plan for 2009 being submitted for the Board's approval today, represents the fifth comprehensive revision of the County's EMS Plan since the current State EMS System Standards and Guidelines were published in June of 1993. The last Monterey County EMS Plan (2008) was submitted and approved by the Board on March 24, 2009. In addition to the EMS Plan for 2009, the Monterey County EMS Plan revision for calendar year 2010 is included for review and consideration. The annual review and revision of EMS Plan for 2010 is limited to updating four tables for fiscal; certifications; response and

transporting; and training programs. The EMS Plan for 2011 current calendar year) is under review and will be submitted for Board consideration in February 2012. An item that will be reflected in the 2011 EMS plan will be the revised Trauma System plan.

DISCUSSION:

The Monterey County EMS Plan recommended for approval is fully consistent with State requirements with three 3) exceptions:

1) Trauma System Evaluation: No hospital has been designated as a trauma center in Monterey County. Currently, Monterey County does not have a trauma registry' and does not have the resources to identify potential areas of improvement to system design and operation. These items are being addressed in development of a new 2011 Trauma System plan scheduled to be before the board for approval in June 2011.

2) Agreements for Medical Mutual Aid: Partially completed... EMS mutual aid agreements with EMS providers/resources from Santa Cruz and San Benito Counties should be completed by August 2011; San Luis Obispo County agreements are complete and active.

3) Designation and Establishment of Casualty Collection Points: The local EMS Agency will develop this portion of the Plan if and when the State EMS Authority issues the appropriate guidelines.

The County's EMS Plan is intended as a dynamic document and one that will continuously change as local needs are identified and appropriate response strategies are developed. The EMS Plan reflects the EMS Agency's priorities identified by the EMS Agency and Monterey County Emergency Medical Care Committee.

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COMPLETED BOARD ORDER OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

The Monterey County EMS Plan has been reviewed and endorsed by the Emergency Medical Care Committee (EMCC), which was established by the Board of Supervisors to represent the interests of local EMS stakeholders, and to serve in an advisory capacity to both the Board and the Director of Health. The revised EMS Plans also satisfies California State law for the EMCC to annually report to the Board and the State EMS Authority; addresses ambulance services; emergency medical care; CPR training; and lifesaving first aid practices in the county. The 2009 and 2010 EMS Plans are on file with the Clerk to the Board.

FINANCING:

Development and revision of the Monterey County EMS Plan was funded through County Service Area 74. There is no financial impact on the General Fund contribution with this recommended action.

Approved by:

Schmitt

Director of EMS

Date:

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Director of Health

Date:

Attachments: 2009 EMS Plan on file with Clerk to the Board

2010 EMS Plan on file with Clerk to the Board

Cc: County Counsel

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