

# County of Monterey

Board of Supervisors Chambers 168 W. Alisal St., 1st Floor Salinas, CA 93901

# **Board Report**

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#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors:

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# SUMMARY:

The Health Department seeks authorization to execute Amendment No. 2 to extend the Paramedic Service Provider Agreement with Carmel-by-the-Sea on the same terms and conditions to June 30, 2020.

# DISCUSSION:

The Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Agency is designated under California law by Monterey County as the local Emergency Medical Services Agency responsible for planning, implementing, and evaluating the local EMS system throughout Monterey County. Under California law, no person or organization may provide "advanced life support," also known as "paramedic services," unless that person or organization is an authorized part of the emergency medical service system of the local EMS agency.

Accordingly, under California law, a paramedic service provider must have a written agreement with the local EMS agency to participate in the EMS system and to comply with all applicable state regulations and local policies and procedures, including participation in the local EMS agency's Continuous Quality Improvement ("CQI") program.

The original Paramedic Service Provider Agreement of October 6, 2012 was reviewed and approved by the Emergency Medical Care Committee (EMCC) and by the Monterey County Board of Supervisors. A subsequent amendment extended the Agreement until June 30, 2018. We are now seeking approval of an additional amendment extending the Agreement until January 31, 2020, on the same terms and conditions of the original Agreement.

Carmel-by-the-Sea asserts it has status as California Health and Safety Code Section1797.201 jurisdiction; meaning that it is not required to have a paramedic service provide agreement to provide paramedic services, if it maintains its 1797.201 status. The EMS Agency believes it is more desirable to have a limited medical control agreement rather than not having an agreement. Therefore, parties wish to amend the Paramedic Service Provider Agreement to extend it through January 31, 2020 to coincide with the termination of the current ambulance agreement.

This work is not directly in support of a Health Department strategic initiative, it is in support of one or more of the ten essential public health services, specifically: 7) Link people to needed personal health services and assure

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the provision of health care when otherwise unavailable.

#### OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

County Counsel has approved the Agreement to Retroactively Renew the Paramedic Service Provider Agreement with the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea as to legal form.

# FINANCING:

This agreement will have no impact on the General Fund Contribution.

#### BOARD OF SUPERVISORS STRATEGIC INITIATIVES:

Check the related Board of Supervisors Strategic Initiatives:

# □Economic Development:

• Through collaboration, strengthen economic development to ensure a diversified and healthy economy.

#### □Administration:

• Promote an organization that practices efficient and effective resource management and is recognized for responsiveness, strong customer orientation, accountability and transparency.

### ⊠Health & Human Services:

• Improve health and quality of life through County supported policies, programs, and services; promoting access to equitable opportunities for healthy choices and healthy environments in collaboration with communities.

#### □Infrastructure:

• Plan and develop a sustainable, physical infrastructure that improves the quality of life for County residents and supports economic development results.

#### □Public Safety:

• Create a safe environment for people to achieve their potential, leading businesses and communities to thrive and grow by reducing violent crimes as well as crimes in general.

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#### Attachments:

Amendment No. 2 Carmel-by-the-Sea on file with the Clerk of the Board.

Agreement to Retroactively Renew Agreement with the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea on file with the Clerk of the Board.

Agreement with the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea on file with the Clerk of the Board.