COUNTY OF GLENN
AGENDA ITEM TRANSMITTAL

MEETING DATE: 7/17/12
Submitting Department(s):
Glenn County Health Services Agency

BRIEF SUBJECT/ISSUE DESCRIPTION:
Approval for the Local Emergency Medical Services Authority (LEMSA) to Establish an Exclusive Operating Area for Westside Ambulance

Contact: Scott Gruendl
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AGENDA PLACEMENT

APPOINTMENT – Appearances by: (Specify Name & Title)
Scott Gruendl, Director

Required 5 Minutes

☐ Business – No Consent
☐ Correspondence ☐ Reports & Notices

AFFECTED DEPARTMENT(S)

☐ Receive Concurrence

ATTACHMENTS
☐ Board Report
☐ Letter
☐ Minute Order
☐ Contract
☐ Transfer
☐ Grant App.
☐ Resolution
☐ Ordinance
☐ Proclamation
☐ Policy Update
☐ Code Update
☐ Other

LEGAL/PERSONNEL/FISCAL
☐ County Counsel
☐ Personnel
☐ Finance
☐ County Administrative Office

CLERK INSTRUCTIONS
☐ Return Minute Order to Shannon at HSA
☐ Return Certified Copy Of:
☐ Other:

PUBLIC HEARINGS & COMMITTEE VACANCIES

☐ State ☐ Federal

Public Hearings:
☐ Published
☐ Affidavit on File w/Clerk
☐ Affected Parties Notified

Committees:
☐ Vacancy Posted
☐ Application Attached

LEGISLATION

Bill#: ☐ Latest Version of Bill
☐ Draft Letter Attached
☐ List of Supporters/Opposers
☐ Statement of Relevance to County Interests
☐ Description Attached

FUNDING SOURCE/IMPACT

☐ General Fund impact
☐ Other:
☐ Budgeted
☐ Transfer Attached
☐ 4/5ths Vote Required
☐ Contingency Request

CONTRACTS, LEASES & AGREEMENTS

☐ New ☐ Renewal
☐ Amendment
☐ Insurance Certificate
☐ Contract Report
Date of Original
Contract:
Contract No.:
Fiscal Year:

RECOMMENDED ACTION/MOTION:
No General Fund Impact

1. Approval for the Local Emergency Medical Services Authority (LEMSA) and Westside Ambulance to request an Exclusive Operating Area for Westside Ambulance using a noncompetitive approach (grandfathering).

Reviewed By (if applicable):

Personnel Director

Department of Finance

cc:

Department Head

County Administrative Officer
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Emergency Medical Care Council is recommending the Board of Supervisors approve the request by Westside Ambulance for Nor-Cal EMS (LEMSA) to apply to the State for an Exclusive Operating Area in North Glenn County without using a competitive process.

RECOMMENDATION(S):

Approval for the Local Emergency Medical Services Authority (LEMSA) and Westside Ambulance to request an Exclusive Operating Area (EOA) for Westside Ambulance using a noncompetitive approach (grandfathering).

HISTORY AND BACKGROUND:

During the Emergency Medical Care Council (EMCC) meeting the two options for creating an Exclusive Operating Area (EOA) were discussed along with maintaining the status quo. The two processes are competitive versus noncompetitive process (grandfathering). There was a discussion of the pros and cons for both processes, as well as with leaving things as they are currently. The EMCC decided that Westside Ambulance is performing at a level of service they wish to maintain in the County and want to protect that service. The way to protect the service is to create an EOA rather than continuing with the status quo. To create the EOA through a competitive process is costly ($80,000 minimum) and does not guarantee the current level of service. Westside Ambulance qualifies under the California Code of Regulations for the noncompetitive process and would continue to provide the current level of service. The cost of the noncompetitive process is negligible with a predictable outcome. It is the request of the EMCC that an EOA be created using the noncompetitive process.

FISCAL/PERSONNEL IMPACT(S):

There is no county cost for this request.

ANALYSIS/DISCUSSION

The requirements to create an EOA noncompetitively are outlined in CA Health and Safety Code 1797.224. It states “No competitive process is required if the local EMS agency develops or implements a local plan that continues the use of existing providers operating within a local EMS area in the manner and scope in which the services have been provided without interruption since January 1, 1981”. Westside Ambulance has been the sole primary ambulance provider for the north county since 1938 without interruption, qualifying them for the noncompetitive process. The EOA would begin at the north border of Glenn County and move south to Road 33. Through the EMCC meeting on June 20, 2012, Westside Ambulance
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requested to work with NorCal EMS to create an EOA in north Glenn County. The EMCC determined that Westside provides a valuable service which they wish to preserve and voted to support their request.

The EMCC has designated a subcommittee to discuss the options for the south county EOA.

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