

TO: **Public Protection Committee**
FROM: Patricia Frost, EMS Director



**Contra
Costa
County**

DATE: September 9, 2013
SUBJECT:

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (EMS) SYSTEM MODERNIZATION STUDY STATUS REPORT

SPECIFIC REQUEST(S) OR RECOMMENDATION(S) & BACKGROUND JUSTIFICATION

RECOMMENDATION(S): RECEIVE THE THIRD STATUS REPORT ON THE CONTRA COSTA EMS SYSTEM MODERNIZATION STUDY.

FISCAL IMPACT: NONE

BACKGROUND/REASON(S) FOR RECOMMENDATION(S):

On Dec 11th the BOS directed Contra Costa Health Services EMS and the County Administrator's office to coordinate an independent EMS System re-evaluation in conjunction with a separate Fire Service Study of Contra Costa Fire Protection District. The study is being conducted by Fitch & Associates. The Board approved and authorized the Fitch contract on February 12, 2013 and at that meeting requested regular reports to the BOS, Public Protection and the Contra Costa Fire Protection District Board. Each study has a separate focus and scope of work supported by two distinct expert teams of Fitch & Associates consultants. The focus of the EMS System study is to evaluate how best to modernize and deliver coordinated EMS services within current operational capabilities and fiscal resources. The study will cover information on potential strategic efficiencies influencing future County-wide EMS service delivery in preparation for a future competitive ambulance RFP (Request for Proposal) to be completed by December 31, 2015.

The EMS Agency is the lead coordination entity facilitating the EMS System Modernization Study. The approved EMS system work-plan which takes a "white board" approach and timeline is available to the public on the EMS website at <http://cchealth.org/ems/system-review.php>. EMS System study activities, meetings and supporting reports are posted as available. The third update on the EMS System study follows.

Fitch is conducting a third round of stakeholder interviews and will give an oral report to Public Protection today. Consultant feedback may also be given via email at cccems@fitchassoc.com (posted the EMS website). Weekly conference calls between EMS and the consultants occur to review study progress and project delivery.

The following timeline represents a summary of project milestones:

Date	EMS System Study Project Milestones
9/9/13	3 rd EMS System Project Status Report to Public Protection Committee
9/9-11/13	3 rd Round Fitch EMS System Stakeholder Interviews
9/11/13	2 nd EMS System Study Update to EMCC
TBD	Report and recommendations to Board of Supervisors

Internally the EMS Agency continues to facilitate consultant activities and provide information to the consultants for review including:

- Ongoing mitigation and monitoring of coordinated EMS service delivery in areas affected by fire station closures
- Amendments to Measure H written agreements with Fire Agencies
- CCFPD EMS dispatch and deployment modifications to support preservation of fire first medical response.
- Report on ambulance ordinance review process to EMCC.
- Review of updated draft ambulance with county counsel.
- Preparation of 2011-2012 Annual EMS System Report.

CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

Report not received

CHILDREN’S IMPACT STATEMENT:

None

Signature: _____

- District I District II District III District IV District V All Districts