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CSA-17 ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
Tracy Martinez, Chair/ Jill MacDonald, Vice Chair
c/o Emergency Medical Services
Del Mar Heights School
13555 Boquita Dr, Del Mar, CA 92014
Minutes
Tuesday, May 12, 2026

Members Present

City of Del Mar – Martinez, Tracy
City of Encinitas – San Antonio, Marco
City of Solana Beach – MacDonald, Jill
Rancho Santa Fe Fire Protection District – Hillgren, Nancy
Torrey Pines Planning Group – Rich, Dee
Torrey Pines Planning Group – Agnew, Duncan
Citizen at Large – Twohy, Frank
Citizen at Large – Spelich, John

County Staff Present

Christison, Brian
del Toro, Nicole (recorder)
Haidari, Tareq
Keane, Melissa
Parr, Andy
Trousdale, Brad

Agency Representatives Present

Carmona, Y – AMR
Graham, Valery – AMR
Herren, Christopher – North Comm
Mickelson, Jim – Rancho Santa Fe FPD
Nixon, Eric – AMR
Sanchez, Jorge – Encinitas FD
Thomas, Yanik – AMR
Valdez Acosta-Meza, Carlos – AMR

Guests

Brook, Michael – Digitech Billing Agency
Zavadsky, Matt – CPSM

I. CALL TO ORDER/ PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/ INTRODUCTIONS/ ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Chair Tracy Martinez called the meeting to order at 4:06 pm.
- B. The group recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
- C. Dee Rich was introduced as the new primary member representing Torrey Pines Planning Group, and Duncan Agnew as the new alternate. Both members were in attendance.
- D. There were no announcements.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS/PETITIONS

There were no public comments or petitions submitted.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Chair Martinez to approve the February 10, 2026 CSA 17 meeting minutes. Motion carried with all in favor, and one abstention.

IV. MANAGEMENT TEAM REPORT

A. Budget and Financial Report – Matt Zavasky, Consultant with Center for Public Safety Management

The Financial Dashboard is updated and live on the County EMS CSA 17 website ([San Diego County Service Area – 17 Emergency Medical Services Financial Dashboard](#)), and includes the following data: Transport Volume, Revenues, Total Expenses, EMS Agency Expenses, Operational and Reserve Analysis.

The following PowerPoint presentation was shared with the group: [CSA-17 Fiscal Overview](#)

ACTION: This agenda item will be brought back at the August meeting with a one-year reserve.

B. LEMSA Report – Brian Christison, Group Program Manager

- EMSA Regulation Updates:

The Emergency Medical Services Authority (EMSA) announced a 45-day public comment period for proposed regulations to amend Section 100066.02 within Chapter 3.1, Division 9, Title 22 of the California Code of Regulations, related to the Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) scope of practice.

This proposal would add ondansetron to the list of medications that may be administered by EMTs under the statewide scope of practice to support improved patient care and consistency across California's EMS systems.

The Notice of Proposed Action, Initial Statement of Reasons, and proposed regulatory text are available for review on EMSA's website: <https://www.emsa.ca.gov/caemsa?id=regulations>

The public is invited to submit written comments on the proposed regulations. **Written comments must be received by EMSA no later than May 26, 2026.**

In addition, updates to the Ambulance Patient Offload Time regulations were posted for another round of comments through May 17. This package includes additions and edits incorporated from the public comment process that concluded in April.

- State Level Data Projects:

- The State is working to overhaul how it receives EMS and Hospital data. This requires a fair amount of work from County staff.

- EMS Fees will increase July 1, 2026:

The fiscal arm of OES has announced that we are entering the third year of a planned three-year staggered fee schedule adjustment for all OES/County Fire Programs. Fees are being increased for (Fire Marshal) plan reviews, (Fire) inspections and EMS Office Fees. EMS Office Fees were presented to the EMCC on March 26th, 2026, where the members of the EMCC and the public declined to comment on the planned fee increases. The OES/County Fire fee schedule was considered by the Board of Supervisors on May 6, 2026, and will be heard again on May 20, 2026.

- Treatment Protocol Updates:

The 2026-2027 EMS Treatment Protocols are now available on the EMS website. Updated protocols, education materials, and the full changelog were distributed to all EMS agencies, training programs, and base hospitals on May 1 via LEMSIS.

A Train-the-Trainer session will be held on **Thursday, May 14, from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM at the County Operations Center**. The session will review key revisions, provide instructional guidance, and include the standardized training presentation. Participants will receive 2.0 hours of EMS Continuing Education.

As part of this update, magnesium sulfate has been added as an ALS medication for the treatment of preeclampsia and eclampsia, following review by the EMS Protocol Workgroup and the EMS Medical Director's Advisory Committee. Effective July 1, 2026:

ALS first responder units and ALS transport units must carry one unit of magnesium sulfate (5 gm/10 mL)

BLS transport units must have an oxygen saturation monitoring device with both adult and pediatric probes.

- **EMS System Redesign:**

The EMS System Redesign is underway. On January 6, the new Quality Management process commenced, shifting from a fragmented legacy system to a centralized, countywide monitoring process managed by the EMS Office, with EMS agencies responsible for case dispositions.

Earlier this month, EMS launched two of three Prehospital Notification Pilot platforms. Users in the pilot areas are providing feedback on the information, advice, strengths, and weaknesses of the tested products. The Core Group and Steering Committee are monitoring these pilots closely. The final Pilot Study is planned to start around May 15, pending final agreements from all participants.

The Trauma Center Catchment (TCC) Task Force has been gathering information and working with FirstWatch to create a tool that assists a communication center to assist paramedics in identifying the most accessible Trauma Center under a study project. Although more work is needed, considerable progress has been made. A reminder: the consultant's final reports to the Board, group charters, and periodic updates are accessible on the San Diego County Engage Page.

C. Ground Ambulance Provider Report – Carlos Valdez Acosta-Meza, Operations Manager, AMR

1. [CSA-17 Quarterly Performance Reports for January, February, March 2026](#). This performance report covered the following: Response compliance, mutual aid counts, transport destination counts. Pleased to report another solid quarter of compliance overall.

- a. **Community Outreach Update – Eric Nixon, AMR**

The above link was shared on CSA 17 Community Outreach and Education that AMR provided for the district.

D. Operations Chief's Meeting Report

Jim Mikelson, Deputy Chief, Rancho Santa Fe Fire Protection District

The following updates were provided:

- Staffing
- North Zone Chiefs requested a full North Zone Standards of Coverage study
- Training facility needs repairs

Jorge Sanchez, Fire Captain, Encinitas Fire Department

The following updates were provided:

- Vacancies
- Staffing
- Training
- Encinitas' Image Trend Patient Care Reporting system is being built
- New fire engines in Encinitas – Station 1 and Station 4
- Participation in Career Night at Torrey Pines High School
- Participation in an Outreach Program at Mira Costa College

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. Consultant's Report on CSA 17 Update – Andy Parr, EMS Administrator

The [Consultant's Report and Scorecard](#) are available online at www.SanDiegoCountyEMS.com at [San Dieguito EMS District/County Service Area 17](#).

B. LAFCO Update – Andy Parr, EMS Administrator

There was no update.

C. Lifeguard Report

This report will be ready in November.

D. Request for Publicly Accessible Audio Record of CSA 17 Advisory Committee Meetings

The Advisory Committee does not see a need at this time for publicly accessible audio recordings of CSA 17 Advisory Committee meetings.

E. Ratify the CSA 17 Advisory Meeting Schedule & Location(s)

A change in the meeting schedule was requested and made by Chair Martinez. The Advisory Committee members agreed that the time, new location at Del Mar Heights School, and new schedule of every second Tuesday on a quarterly basis (Feb, May, Aug, Nov) works well.

ACTION: Will revisit this agenda item in November for the 2027 schedule and location.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Advisory to Staff regarding holding future meetings via teleconference

The Advisory members were asked to consider holding future meetings via teleconference.

ACTION: EMS Administrator Andy Parr will provide additional details at the next meeting.

VII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no future agenda items.

VIII. SET NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT

The next Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 11, 2026 at 4:00 pm, at Del Mar Heights School. Meeting adjourned at 5:14 pm.