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NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Shelli Brobst for Randolph F. Snowden - Director
Health & Human Services
REPORT BY: Shelli Brobst, Contracts Analyst, 253-4720
SUBJECT: Agreement with Napa Ambulance Services, Inc. dba Piner (coverage at Lake Berryessa)

RECOMMENDATION

Director of Health and Human Services requests approval of and authorization for the Chair to sign an agreement with Napa Ambulance Service, Inc., dba Piner, for a maximum of \$21,120 for the term May 26, 2007 through September 4, 2007, to provide weekend ambulance coverage at Lake Berryessa during the summer months.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Approval of this agreement will allow Piner to assign one paramedic to a Napa County Fire/California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) vehicle to respond to emergency calls in the Lake Berryessa area during the summer months.

FISCAL IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact?	Yes
Is it currently budgeted?	Yes
Where is it budgeted?	Public Health
Is it Mandatory or Discretionary?	Discretionary
Discretionary Justification:	This is a discretionary activity in that there is no mandate to contract with this particular provider. However, if approved, this agreement will allow the County to provide a higher level of medical care sooner than currently during peak times at Lake Berryessa.
Is the general fund affected?	No
Future fiscal impact:	The agreement terminates September 4, 2007.

Consequences if not approved: The County will not be able to provide paramedic services more expeditiously at Lake Berryessa during the summer months.

Additional Information:

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: The proposed action is not a project as defined by 14 California Code of Regulations 15378 (State CEQA Guidelines) and therefore CEQA is not applicable.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

Lake Berryessa ambulance response is provided by two ambulance services. Angwin Ambulance provides a volunteer basic life support (BLS) response to the northern area of the Lake, including Putah Creek and Berryessa Park. Napa Ambulance Service, Inc. (Piner) provides an advanced life support (ALS) paramedic response to Spanish Flat, Capell Valley, Berryessa Highlands and Marclay Cove. EMS aircraft also may be requested through Napa County Fire/California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE), the Sheriff's Department, California Highway Patrol, or ambulance personnel (Piner or Angwin).

The EMS Agency and Napa County Fire/CalFire have explored options to provide a higher level of medical care at Lake Berryessa during peak times on summer weekends and specific holidays. Several factors evidence the need for additional EMS resources at Lake Berryessa:

- | During the summer of 2006, the call volume for the Lake Berryessa area from Memorial Day through Labor Day accounted for 20% of all Napa County emergency calls.
- | All advanced life support (ALS) ambulances respond to Lake Berryessa from the valley floor and have a minimum response time of 30 minutes.
- | There is no dedicated EMS aircraft at Lake Berryessa.
- | During the summer months, there are a substantial number of acutely ill and injured people at Lake Berryessa who need rapid ALS intervention.

Under this agreement, Piner will assign one paramedic to a Napa County Fire/CalFire vehicle to respond to calls in the Lake Berryessa area requiring paramedic level care. Whenever a call for medical assistance is received, the Piner paramedic and CalFire personnel will respond in the CalFire vehicle, and a simultaneous dispatch of an ambulance from either Piner or Angwin Ambulance will occur. For calls occurring in the Angwin Ambulance area, the Piner paramedic and the Angwin Ambulance EMTs will work together to care for and transport the patient. For calls in the Piner area, a transfer of patient care will be made to the Piner paramedic for transport to the receiving hospital.

Piner does not provide services under this agreement as a Business Associate to a Covered Component of the County that is subject to HIPAA; therefore, a Business Associate Agreement is not required.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

None

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Lorenzo Zialcita