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NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Shelli Brobst for Randy Snowden - Director
Health & Human Services
REPORT BY: Shelli Brobst, Contracts Analyst, 253-4720
SUBJECT: Amendment No. 3 to Agreement No. 4296 with Napa Ambulance Services, Inc. (dba Piner's)

RECOMMENDATION

Director of Health and Human Services requests approval of and authorization for the Chair to sign Amendment No. 3 to Agreement No. 4296 with Napa Ambulance Service, Inc., dba Piner's, amending the response time standards for emergency and advanced life support ambulance service in Zone 8 of Exclusive Operating Area 2 from eight minutes to ten minutes.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Piner's provides emergency and advanced life support ambulance service to Exclusive Operating Area (EOA) 2 of Napa County. Zone 8, which is included in EOA 2, currently has a reduced need for the 8-minute response time. The availability of emergency response from the CDF/Napa County Fire Department station allows for the change in the Zone 8 response time standards from eight minutes to ten minutes.

FISCAL IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact? No

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

On April 25, 2000, the Board approved an agreement with Piner's for emergency and advanced life support ambulance service for Exclusive Operating Area (EOA) 2. EOA 2 is located generally south of Yount Mill Road and includes the Town of Yountville, the City of American Canyon, and the southern designated area of Lake Berryessa, but not the City of Napa.

Response time standards were developed using guidelines based on population and established by the State Emergency Medical Services Authority. The population of Silverado Country Club (located in Zone 8 of EOA 2) put it in an eight-minute response zone. Zone 8 response includes the eastern unincorporated areas of Napa County (Big Ranch Road, Silverado Trail to Hardman Avenue, Silverado Country Club, Hagen Road, First Avenue, Coombsville Road, Fourth Avenue, and Imola Avenue to Highway 221 to Foster Road).

Piner's is experiencing longer response times in Zone 8. Traffic has increased and a traffic light has been installed at Atlas Peak Road and Monticello Road. These changes have contributed to response delays. There are safety concerns in requiring an ambulance to respond to the Zone 8 area in eight minutes. The California Department of Forestry/Napa County Fire Department 24-hour station on Monticello Road provides a rapid first response with an engine and personnel trained to the first responder and Emergency Medical Technician-I level. Thus, there is a reduced need for an 8-minute response time from Piner's.

Other response time zones in Napa County that met population guidelines for an eight-minute response time have been reviewed in the past, and response time standards were relaxed due to low call volume and first response provided by fire departments. The response time standard is 12 minutes for the Town of Yountville and 10 minutes for the Cities of St. Helena and Calistoga.

The department has an executed Business Associate Agreement on file with this provider.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

None

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Lorenzo Zialcita