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TO: Commission on EMS

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SUBJECT: EMS Systems Regulation Development

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Receive information regarding the process for EMS Systems Regulations development.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None.

DISCUSSION:

EMS Authority staff and a small work group of subject matter experts on California's EMS system have been working on drafting a set of EMS Systems Regulations. The group has been meeting approximately monthly since 2012 in the development of the draft Chapter 13 EMS Systems Regulations.

The group held a two-day meeting in Ontario on July 23rd and 24th, 2014. During that meeting, the group felt there has been sufficient progress on the draft set of regulations to provide them for a broader review by EMS constituent group leadership.

On September 23rd, 2014 the work group will meet again to go over the draft regulations to ensure the key issues identified in our meetings have been addressed. On September 24, 2014, the draft Chapter 13 regulations will be sent out for larger constituent review. The Chapter 13 regulation draft is not being submitted for public comment at this time. The intent of this broader review is to gain input from the EMS constituents to help guide the work group through continued development of the draft regulations.

On October 28th and 29th, 2014, the work group will meet again. This meeting will be to discuss feedback received on the draft Chapter 13 regulations by the work group members from the constituent groups they belong to. Revisions to the draft regulations will be considered at that time.

Once the work group completes its work on drafting the Chapter 13 EMS Systems Regulations, the Chapter 13 Task Force will meet to discuss the document.

The draft Chapter 13 regulation represents a significant investment of time from the members of this writing group. Our meetings have included discussions on very sensitive key issues related to the EMS system in California. The spirit of the group's discussions has been handled with professionalism and respect for the opinions of all parties represented. The EMS Authority appreciates the dedication of the work group members in the development of these draft regulations.

The Commission will be kept informed on the progress of the draft Chapter 13 EMS Systems Regulations.