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DATE: September 17, 2014

TO: Commission on EMS

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SUBJECT: September 2015 Commission Meeting Date

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Review the meeting date options for the September 2015 Commission meeting and approve a meeting date.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The cost of one meeting is approximately \$5,500.

DISCUSSION:

At the December 4, 2013 Commission on EMS Meeting, the Commission approved the meeting dates for the year 2015, which included September 16, 2015. In 2015, Rosh Hashanah, starts at sunset September 13 and ends at nightfall on September 15, 2015. This may impact individuals attending the September 16, 2015 Commission on EMS meeting.

The Emergency Medical Services Medical Directors Association of California (EMDAC) and the Emergency Medical Services Administrators Association of California (EMSAAC) hold their meetings the day before the Commission meetings. The Rosh Hashanah Holiday could impact attendance at these meetings as well.

The EMS Authority has not contracted for meeting rooms for the 2015 Commission meetings yet, so we would like to take this opportunity to see if the Commission is interested in rescheduling the September 16, 2015 meeting.

Because September 2015 contains other potential conflicts with personal and meeting schedules, the EMS Authority has listed the options, along with the advantages and disadvantages in keeping with a Wednesday meeting schedule:

1. September 2, 2015
Advantage – no conflicts with holidays
Disadvantage - only eleven weeks from the June 17, 2015 meeting.

2. September 9, 2015
Advantage – Twelve weeks from the June 17, 2015 meeting.
Disadvantage – Occurs right after Labor Day, Monday, September 7, 2015, may impact attendance at the EMDAC and EMSAAC meetings.
3. September 16, 2015
Advantage – 13 weeks from the June 17, 2015 Commission meeting.
Disadvantage – Occurs the day after Rosh Hashanah, may impact attendance at the Commission, EMDAC and EMSAAC meetings.
4. September 23, 2015
Advantage – 14 weeks from the June 17, 2015 Commission meeting.
Disadvantage – Occurs on the Yom Kippur Holiday, would impact attendance at the Commission, EMDAC and EMSAAC meetings.
5. September 30, 2015
Advantage – No conflicts with holidays.
Disadvantage - Only 8 weeks until the December 2, 2015 Commission meeting.