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Dear Mr. Eaglesham:

This letter is in response to your 2014 Santa Barbara County EMS Plan submission to the EMS Authority.

I. Introduction and Summary:

The EMS Authority has concluded its review of Santa Barbara County's 2014 EMS Plan and is approving the plan as submitted.

II. History and Background:

Historically, we have received EMS Plan documentation from Santa Barbara County for the following years: 1995, 2005, 2006, 2010 and, most current, its 2014 plan submission.

Santa Barbara County received its last Five-Year Plan approval in 1996 for its 1994 plan submission, and its last annual Plan Update approval in 2012 for its 2010 plan submission. The California Health and Safety (H&S) Code § 1797.254 states:

*"Local EMS agencies shall **annually** (emphasis added) submit an emergency medical services plan for the EMS area to the authority, according to EMS Systems, Standards, and Guidelines established by the authority".*

The EMS Authority is responsible for the review of EMS Plans and for making a determination on the approval or disapproval of the plan, based on compliance with statute and the standards and guidelines established by the EMS Authority consistent with H&S Code § 1797.105(b).

III. Analysis of EMS System Components:

Following are comments related to Santa Barbara County's 2014 EMS Plan. Areas that indicate the plan submitted is concordant and consistent with applicable guidelines or regulations and H&S Code § 1797.254 and the EMS system components identified in H&S § 1797.103 are indicated below:

- | | Approved | Not
Approved | |
|----|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------------|
| A. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | System Organization and Management |
| B. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Staffing/Training |
| C. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Communications |
| D. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Response/Transportation |
| E. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Facilities/Critical Care |
| F. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Data Collection/System Evaluation |
| G. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Public Information and Education |
| H. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Disaster Medical Response |

IV. Conclusion:

Based on the information identified, Santa Barbara County may implement areas of the 2014 EMS Plan that have been approved. Pursuant to H&S Code § 1797.105(b):

"After the applicable guidelines or regulations are established by the Authority, a local EMS agency may implement a local plan...unless the Authority determines that the plan does not effectively meet the needs of the persons served and is not consistent with the coordinating activities in the geographical area served, or that the plan is not concordant and consistent with applicable guidelines or regulations, or both the guidelines and regulations established by the Authority."

V. Next Steps:

Santa Barbara County's annual EMS Plan Update will be due on August 5, 2016.

If you have any questions regarding the plan review please contact Jeff Schultz, EMS Plans Coordinator, at (916) 431-3688.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Daniel K. Arney" followed by a small "for" written to the right.

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Director

Attachment

Santa Barbara 2014 EMS Plan
 Approved Transportation Plan

ZONE	EXCLUSIVITY			TYPE			LEVEL								
	Non-Exclusive	Exclusive	Method to Achieve Exclusivity	Emergency Ambulance	ALS	LALS	All Emergency Services	9-1-1 Emergency Response	7-digit Emergency Response	ALS Ambulance	All CCT Ambulance Services	BLS Non-Emergency and IFT	Standby Service with Transport Authorization	All Air Ambulance	Emergency Air Ambulance
Service Area 1		X	Non-Competitive	X				X							
Service Area 2	X														
Service Area 3		X	Non-Competitive	X				X							

Santa Barbara County

PUBLIC Health



DEPARTMENT

Emergency Medical Services Plan



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Emergency Medical Services Agency

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SANTA BARBARA COUNTY EMS PLAN

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