



# COUNTY OF MONTEREY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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May 3, 2019

Mr. Doug McCoun, President  
Monterey County Fire Chiefs' Association  
c/o Marina Fire Department  
211 Hillcrest Avenue  
Marina, CA 93933

Dear Chief McCoun:

In your letter of April 24, 2019, you request two documents from the EMS Agency. The first document is the letter sent to the County of Monterey dated April 11, 2019, as described on the County EMS web site.

*"The current contract with AMR expires on January 31, 2020. As stated by the California EMS Authority, in their letter to the EMS Agency of April 11, 2019, if a new contract is not in place by January 31, 2020, on February 1, 2020, the Monterey County ambulance response zone will become "non-exclusive."*

A copy of that letter is attached.

In your same letter of April 24, 2019, you also requested "a copy of the letter that was sent to the EMS Agency requesting the ruling concerning the consequences of not having a contract in place by February 1, 2020."

The EMS Agency possesses no document responsive to that request.

Sincerely,

Michael Petrie, EMT-P, MBA, MA  
EMS Bureau Chief  
Monterey County EMS Agency

**EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AUTHORITY**

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April 11, 2019

Michael Petrie, EMT-P, MBA, MA  
EMS Bureau Chief  
Monterey County EMS Agency  
1441 Schilling Place  
Salinas, CA 93906

Dear Mr. Petrie,

This is in response to your letter dated March 26, 2019, related to the Monterey County EMS Agency Request for Proposal (RFP) #10671. Your letter stated that the Monterey County Emergency Medical Care (EMCC) voted to direct the Chair of the EMCC to send a letter to the Monterey County Board of Supervisors asking the Board of Supervisors to stop/halt the Monterey County RFP #10671.

Health and Safety Code 1797.200 allows a County to designate an EMS agency, "Each county may develop an emergency medical services program. Each county developing such a program shall designate a local EMS agency . . ." Once the County designates a local EMS agency, that local EMS agency has independent responsibility for the designation of exclusive operating areas and selecting providers (see also Health and Safety Code 1797.224 and *Memorial Hospitals Ass'n v. Randol* (1995) 38 Cal.App.4th.

Health and Safety Code 1797.224, requires "A local EMS agency (LEMSA) which elects to create one or more exclusive operating areas in the development of a local plan shall develop and submit for approval to the authority, as part of the local EMS plan, its competitive process for selecting providers and determining the scope of their operations."

In accordance with the aforementioned statutes, it is the sole responsibility of the local EMS agency to designate exclusive operating areas and develop, conduct, and implement its competitive process for selecting providers. Monterey County EMS Agency must conduct a process that is fair, competitive, and ensures political effects of County involvement and EMS system participants do not influence the local EMS agency.

Should the Monterey County EMS Agency deem its competitive process to be interfered with and negatively influenced by political special interests, it may unilaterally cancel the bid process. However, please note that upon contractual conclusion, and the event the

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competitive process is not completed by January 31, 2020, the ambulance zone covered by the original competitive process of January 31, 2010, will transition to a non-exclusive operating area on February 1, 2020.

Should you have any questions please feel free to contact me at (916) 431-3708, or [angela.wise@emsa.ca.gov](mailto:angela.wise@emsa.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Angela Wise". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a small heart-like flourish above the "i" in "Wise".

Angela Wise  
Assistant Chief  
EMS Systems Division