RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2021-534

MEETING: September 28, 2021

TO: The Board of Supervisors

FROM: Shannon Gadd, Health and Human Services Agency Director

RE: Approve Agreement with Mountain Valley EMS Agency for FY 2021-2022

RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:
Approve an Agreement with Mountain Valley Emergency Medical Services Agency (MVEMSA) to Accept Authority and Responsibility as the Local EMS Agency for Mariposa County for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 in an Amount Not to Exceed $7,936.28; and Authorize the Health and Human Services Agency Director to Sign the Agreement.

Staff has been satisfied with the quality and value of the services received from Mountain Valley EMS, which include the part-time assistance of an EMS Coordinator in the County.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:
The Public Health division within the Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA) has contracted with Mountain Valley EMS Agency for many years. Most recently on July 21, 2020, the Board of Supervisors approved the formal agreement for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 with Resolution # 2020-419. On August 6, 2019, the Board of Supervisors approved the formal agreement with MVEMSA for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 with Resolution #2019-452. On July 10, 2018, the Board of Supervisors approved the formal resolution with MVEMSA for Fiscal Year 2018-2019 with Resolution #2018-319. On July 18, 2017, the Board of Supervisors approved the formal agreement with MVEMSA for Fiscal Year 2017-2018 with Resolution #2017-477. On June 28, 2016, the Board of Supervisors approved the formal agreement with MVEMSA for Fiscal Year 2016-2017 with Resolution #2016-329. On July 28, 2015, the Board of Supervisors approved the formal agreement with MVEMSA for Fiscal Year 2015-2016 with Resolution #2015-378.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:
1. County may administer EMS services pursuant to State laws and regulations but at considerably greater cost.
2. County may pursue creating a new Joint Power Agency for these services.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:
An amount of $7,936.28 is budgeted within the HHSA- Public Health 2021-2022 fiscal year budget.
RESULT: ADOPTED BY CONSENT VOTE [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Rosemarie Smallcombe, District I Supervisor
SECONDER: Wayne Forsythe, District IV Supervisor
AYES: Rosemarie Smallcombe, Tom Sweeney, Marshall Long, Wayne Forsythe
FORMAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN
MOUNTAIN-VALLEY
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AGENCY
AND
MARIPOSA COUNTY ON
FUNCTIONS TO BE PERFORMED FOR COUNTY BY EMS AGENCY STAFF

THIS AGREEMENT is entered into by and between Mariposa County, hereinafter referred to as "County," and the Mountain-Valley Emergency Medical Services Agency, hereinafter referred to as "Agency."

WHEREAS, the Emergency Medical Services System and the Prehospital Emergency Medical Care Personnel Act (California Health and Safety Code Section 1797, et seq.) hereinafter referred to as the Act, authorizes counties to designate their local Emergency Medical Services ("EMS") Agency, and

WHEREAS, the Agency is qualified to be a "local EMS Agency" pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 1797.94, and 1797.200, and

WHEREAS, the Agency plans and implements an Emergency Medical Services system on a multi-county basis as opposed to a county-to-county basis, and

WHEREAS, County agrees that planning, implementing, and operating an Emergency Medical Services system on a multi-county basis is in the best interest of emergency medical services for County, and

WHEREAS, County most recently signed the Joint Powers Agreement delegating to the Agency select Sections of Division 2.5 of the Health and Safety Code on 21st day of July 1998, and

WHEREAS, the Agency agrees to accept the authority and responsibility as the local EMS agency for Mariposa County and to assign staff persons to carry out these responsibilities, and

WHEREAS, the County is willing to provide direct in-kind matching resources for said assigned staff, and

WHEREAS, the County is willing to provide support services associated with the position.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS AGREED by and between the parties hereto as follows:

1. The Agency shall accept authority and responsibility as the local EMS agency for Mariposa County, develop critical care plans and facilities assessment criteria, and carry out the duties and responsibilities associated with the Health and Safety Code, Division 2.5, Chapters 4 through 7, Sections:

2. The Agency shall perform all obligations under Chapter 8 of the EMS Authority regulations with respect to EMS aircraft operation in the County.

3. The Agency shall assign an .2 FTE to be available at the county site or to attend meetings on behalf of the county.

4. The Agency shall not place any such person who has a conflict of interest with County. Should a conflict of interest develop during the period of this contract, the Agency expressly agrees to remove such person from all duties involving County immediately upon written notice from County that such conflict of interest exists, as determined in good faith by County.

5. The overall goal of the Agency in relation to its responsibilities under the Act will be to promote the most effective program possible, with the resources available, which is compliant with the Act.

6. County shall contribute to the cost of the services of an agency staff person(s) to assist in providing the regional services agreed to in this document in the amount not to exceed seven thousand nine hundred thirty-six dollars and twenty-eight cents ($7,936.28), which shall be payable annually on or before October 30. The Agency shall invoice the County of Mariposa for said services. The County shall contribute office space and support services for an agency staff person.

7. The term of this Agreement shall be from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.

8. If the County chooses to cancel this agreement, the County must give written notice to the Agency not later than January 1, 2022 in order to opt out for the next one year cycle.

9. The agreement may be amended at any time by the mutual written, executed agreement of the parties hereto upon the approval of the State EMS Authority.

10. The Agency agrees to indemnify, defend and hold harmless the County, its officers, agents and employees from and against all claims, damages, losses and expenses (including reasonable attorney's fees) for personal injury, death or property damage arising out of any act or omission of the Agency, its officers, agents or employees in the performance of this agreement.

   County agrees to indemnify, defend and hold harmless the Agency, its officers, agents and employees from and against all claims, damages, losses and expenses (including reasonable attorney's fees) for personal injury, death or property damage arising out of any act or omission of County, its officers, agents or employees in the performance of this agreement.

11. Unless the context otherwise requires, the definitions contained in the Act govern the provisions of this contract.

12. Both the County and the Agency shall abide by all federal and state non-discrimination laws regarding governmental agency contracts and sub-contracts as outlined in the Non-Discrimination Statement below.

   During the performance of this contract, contractor and its subcontractors shall not unlawfully discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because
of race, religion, color, national origin, ancestry, physical handicap, medical condition, marital status, age (over 40) or sex. Contractors and subcontractors shall insure that the evaluation and treatment of their employees and applicants for employment are free of such discrimination. Contractors and subcontractors shall comply with the provisions of the Fair Employment and Housing Act (Gov. Code, Section 12900, et seq.) and the applicable regulation of the Fair Employment and Housing Commission implementing Government Code, Section 7285.0, et seq. The applicable regulations of the Fair Employment and Housing Commission implementing Government Code, Section 12990, set forth in Chapter 5 of Division 4 of Title 2 of the California Administrative Code are incorporated into this contract by reference and made a part hereof as if set forth in full. Contractor and its subcontractors shall give written notice of their obligations under this clause to labor organizations with which they have a collective bargaining or other agreement.

This Contractor shall include the non-discrimination and compliance provisions of this clause in all subcontracts to perform work under the contract.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto cause their representatives to affix their signatures:

COUNTY OF MARIPOSA

By ________________________________ Date: 9-25-21
Title: Director, Health and Human Services Agency

MOUNTAIN-VALLEY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AGENCY

By ________________________________ Date: 8-26-21
Title: Chairman, Board of Directors

Approved as to Form:

By ________________________________ Date: 9-28-21
Title: County Counsel or Attorney for County