

DATE: September 20, 2017
TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors
FROM: Jeffrey V. Smith, M.D., J.D., County Executive
Miguel Márquez, Chief Operating Officer

SUBJECT: Request for Proposals for Advanced Life Support First Response and Advanced Life Support Emergency Ambulance Services

For the September 26, 2017 Board of Supervisors' meeting, the Master Acquisition List will include reference to the EMS Request for Proposals ("RFP") schedule. This memo is intended to give you a heads up and inform you that we have updated the anticipated schedule.

The EMS Agency is currently working with the County Executive's Office, County Counsel's Office, and SCVHHS Contract Solutions Department to develop the RFP. The RFP will ensure a contract that is financially sustainable and operationally flexible. In addition, the RFP will allow both public and private providers to submit bids if they so choose. Once a draft of the RFP has been completed, the EMS Agency will provide it to the California Emergency Medical Services Authority ("EMS Authority") for review and approval, as required by state law. Upon receiving the EMS Authority's approval, the EMS Agency will issue the RFP. Issuance of the RFP is anticipated to occur in October or November but the actual date of issuance depends on the time that the EMS Authority takes to complete its review. The Administration hopes that emergency ambulance services under the resulting contract can begin as early as August 1, 2018.

To ensure that all potential bidders for the RFP have access to the same information at the same time, all information about the RFP that is appropriate for public release, including this memorandum, will be made available through the EMS Agency's website.