

**REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF INLAND COUNTIES EMERGENCY MEDICAL AGENCY
AND RECORD OF ACTION**

June 9, 2026

FROM

DANIEL MUÑOZ, EMS Administrator, Inland Counties Emergency Medical Agency

SUBJECT

Emergency Medical Services Aircraft Medical Control Permits

RECOMMENDATION(S)

Acting as the governing body of the Inland Counties Emergency Medical Agency, authorize issuance of Aircraft Medical Control permits to the following entities to provide Emergency Medical Services for the period of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027:

1. Mercy Air Service, Inc.
2. Mercy Air Service, Inc. doing business as Big Bear Fire Authority
3. San Bernardino County Sheriff
4. REACH Air Medical Services, doing business as REACH Air
5. REACH Air Medical Services, doing business as Sierra Lifeflight
6. State of California, doing business as California Highway Patrol – Inland Division Air Operations.

(Presenter: Daniel Muñoz, EMS Administrator, 388-5807)

COUNTY AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER GOALS & OBJECTIVES

Improve County Government Operations.

Provide for the Safety, Health and Social Service Needs of County Residents.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Approval of this item will not result in the use of Discretionary General Funding (Net County Cost). Issuance of Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Aircraft Medical Control permits to the entities detailed in the Recommendation above, as promulgated by Inland Counties Emergency Medical Agency (ICEMA) Ordinance No. 17-01 and ICEMA Fee Ordinance Resolution No. 2025-62, is projected to generate revenue of approximately \$40,000 in 2026-27 for the recovery of costs directly associated with the provision of medical control for EMS Aircraft providers. Sufficient appropriation and revenue will be included in ICEMA's 2026-27 recommended budget.

No permit revenue will be received from the State of California, doing business as California Highway Patrol – Inland Division Air Operations, as this provider is classified by the State EMS Authority, pursuant to California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Division 9, Chapter 7, Section 100167 and is statutorily exempt from providing cost recovery.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

ICEMA, as the local EMS agency, is responsible for planning and ensuring effective EMS for the Counties of San Bernardino, Inyo, and Mono, including EMS Aircraft within its EMS plan.

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ICEMA administers State and local policies and regulations governing the provision of emergency medical care at the scene of an emergency and during transport to an acute care hospital.

ICEMA is requesting approval to issue EMS Aircraft Medical Control permits to the six entities listed above to provide EMS Aircraft services within the ICEMA region for the period of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027.

On April 18, 2017 (Item No. 73), the Board of Directors (Board) adopted Ordinance No. 17-01 pertaining to the medical control of EMS Aircraft services and providers within San Bernardino, Inyo, and Mono Counties. The ordinance established a permit policy and fee resolution requiring Board approval for issuance of EMS Aircraft Medical Control permits and outlining requirements for provider authorization.

ICEMA has determined that the six entities have submitted permit applications that meet established requirements, including but not limited to:

- Compliance with California EMS Aircraft Personnel Requirements
- Participation in ICEMA Electronic Patient Care Reporting Data System
- Compliance with ICEMA Policy No. 7020 – EMS Aircraft Standard Drug & Equipment List
- Compliance with all applicable Federal, State, County, and ICEMA laws, regulations, guidelines, and policies

PROCUREMENT

Not applicable.

REVIEW BY OTHERS

This item has been reviewed by County Counsel (John Tubbs II, Deputy County Counsel, 387-5455) on May 7, 2026; and County Finance and Administration (Carl Lofton, Administrative Analyst, 387-5404) on May 15, 2026.

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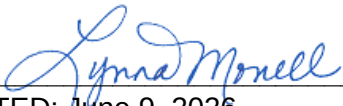
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Inland Counties Emergency Medical Agency (ICEMA)

APPROVED (CONSENT CALENDAR)

Moved: Joe Baca, Jr. Seconded: Curt Hagman

Ayes: Col. Paul Cook (Ret.), Jesse Armendarez, Dawn Rowe, Curt Hagman, Joe Baca, Jr.

Lynna Monell, SECRETARY

BY 
DATED: June 9, 2026



cc: File - JPA/INLAND COUNTIES EMERGENCY MEDICAL
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