



# San Bernardino County

## Legislation Text

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**File #: 6134, Agenda Item #: 25**

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### **REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY AND RECORD OF ACTION**

**June 14, 2022**

#### **FROM**

**LEONARD X. HERNANDEZ, Chief Executive Officer, County Administrative Office**

#### **SUBJECT**

Continuation of the Proclamation of Local Emergency - Emergency Medical Services System

#### **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

Continue the Local Emergency Proclamation within San Bernardino County originally proclaimed by the Board of Supervisors on March 1, 2022, resulting from the impact of the worldwide Novel Coronavirus pandemic to the Emergency Medical Services system, for an additional 60 days in accordance with Government Code section 8630(c).

(Presenter: Daniel Munoz, Interim EMS Administrator, 388-5807)

#### **COUNTY AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER GOALS & OBJECTIVES**

**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) as there is no cost or financial impact associated with continuation of this local emergency.

#### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

On March 1, 2022 (Item No. 34), in accordance with Government Code section 8630(a), the Board of Supervisors (Board) proclaimed the existence of a local emergency to the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) system. The impact of the worldwide Novel Coronavirus pandemic resulted in the need for the County to implement Emergency Medical Services protective measures.

As a result of the pandemic, the County continues to experience paramedic staffing shortages and disruption in supply chains, including ambulance manufacturing delays. To continue to ensure public safety, it is imperative that First Responder agencies and ambulance transport providers maximize the number of available resources to maintain the ability to meet the anticipated emergency transportation needs of the County. Continuation of the local emergency to the EMS system supports the ability of these agencies to obtain necessary additional resources, such as staffing resources. Continuation of the local emergency also allows the Inland Counties Emergency Medical Agency to maintain emergency directives in place to support the EMS system including the potential leveraging of alternate transport vehicles as maybe needed.

Pursuant to Government Code section 8630(c), the Board shall review the need for continuing the local emergency at least once every 60 days until the Board terminates the local emergency. Board approval of this

recommendation would continue the local emergency for an additional period in accordance with Government Code section 8630(c).

The Board last took action to continue this local emergency on April 26, 2022 (Item No. 26).

**PROCUREMENT**

Not applicable.

**REVIEW BY OTHERS**

This item has been reviewed by County Counsel (John Tubbs II, Deputy County Counsel, 387-5455) on May 23, 2022; Finance (Carl Lofton, Administrative Analyst, 387-5404) on May 26, 2022; and County Finance and Administration (Robert Saldana, Deputy Executive Officer, 387-5423) on May 31, 2022.