

**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
TUESDAY, AUGUST 31, 2021**

MINUTE ORDER NO. 1

**SUBJECT: NOTICED PUBLIC HEARING:
INITIATION OF DISSOLUTION OF COUNTY SERVICE AREA
NO. 69 AND TRANSFER OF FUNDING AND ADMINISTRATIVE
OVERSIGHT FOR AMBULANCE SERVICES TO THE CITY OF
SANTEE AND LAKESIDE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT AS
SUCCESSOR AGENCIES (DISTRICT: 2)**

OVERVIEW

Established by the County of San Diego Board of Supervisors (Board) in 1974, County Service Area No. 69 (CSA 69) provides funding and administrative oversight for Advanced Life Support (ALS) ambulance transport services within the City of Santee, Lakeside Fire Protection District, and the surrounding unincorporated communities of Pepper Drive and Bostonia, covering approximately 63 square miles of unincorporated east county. Under governance of the Board, administrative oversight is provided by the County of San Diego Emergency Medical Services Office (County EMS). Through a contract with the County, the City of Santee and the Lakeside Fire Protection District receive funding from the County to provide ALS ambulance transport services to CSA 69.

In April 2019, County EMS retained a consultant to evaluate the effectiveness and sustainability of the current management system and service delivery model and present their findings in a white paper. The review indicated a fundamental transformation of the CSA structure was long overdue and proposed the dissolution of CSA 69 and transfer of funding and administrative oversight for ALS ambulance transport services to the City of Santee and Lakeside Fire Protection District. The dissolution will align responsibilities and provide local control for administrative oversight, management of tax revenue, and provision of services.

Today's request seeks approval to take the necessary actions to initiate the dissolution of CSA 69 and transfer funding and administrative oversight for ALS ambulance transport services to the City of Santee and Lakeside Fire Protection District as successor agencies.

**RECOMMENDATION(S)
SUPERVISOR JOEL ANDERSON**

On August 31, 2021:

1. Find that adoption of the proposed resolution of intention for dissolution of County Service Area No. 69 is subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) but exempt from additional analysis pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) because it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment. Sections 15378(b)(4) and (5) also apply because the proposed action involves government fiscal activities that do not involve any commitment to any specific project that may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment and because the proposed action involves organizational or administrative activities of governments that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment. Additionally, CEQA Guidelines

Section 15320 applies because the proposed action involves a reorganization of local governmental agencies where the changes do not alter the geographical area in which existing powers are exercised.

2. Adopt the Resolution entitled: RESOLUTION OF INTENTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO TO HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING TO INITIATE PROCEEDINGS FOR DISSOLUTION OF COUNTY SERVICE AREA NO. 69 (Attachment A, on file with the Clerk of the Board).
3. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to develop the resolution of application to the San Diego County Local Agency Formation Commission and the plan for service prior to the October 5, 2021 board meeting.

If, on August 31, 2021, the Board takes action as recommended, then on October 5, 2021:

1. Find that adoption of the proposed resolution of application for dissolution of County Service Area No. 69 is subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) but exempt from further review pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) because it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment. Sections 15378(b)(4) and (5) also apply because the proposed action involves government fiscal activities that do not involve any commitment to any specific project that may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment and because the proposed action involves organization or administrative activities of governments that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment. Additionally, CEQA Guidelines Section 15320 applies because the proposed actions involve a reorganization of local governmental agencies where the changes do not alter the geographical area in which existing powers are exercised.
2. Adopt the Resolution entitled: RESOLUTION OF APPLICATION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO TO INITIATE PROCEEDINGS WITH THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION FOR DISSOLUTION OF COUNTY SERVICE AREA NO. 69.
3. Authorize County departments to take all actions necessary to develop and adopt a County Service Area No. 69 Transition Plan with the City of Santee and Lakeside Fire Protection District.
4. Authorize the Auditor and Controller, and other County departments, to take all actions necessary to transfer funding and administrative oversight for ambulance services from County Service Area No. 69 to the City of Santee and Lakeside Fire Protection District.
5. Direct the Clerk of the Board to provide a certified copy of the Resolution of Application to the San Diego County Local Agency Formation Commission.

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT

The San Diego County Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Office is committed to assuring that equity is considered in policy development, EMS resource availability, and EMS service provision in all areas where the County has jurisdictional influence and/or authority. Community feedback received at public meetings indicates residents support the dissolution of County Service Area No. 69 and the transfer of funding and administrative oversight for Advanced Life Support ambulance transport services to local jurisdictions.

FISCAL IMPACT

If approved, this request will transfer future property tax revenue received from County Service Area No. 69 (CSA 69) to the City of Santee and Lakeside Fire Protection District. The property tax and benefit fee revenue generated for CSA 69 totaled approximately \$3,492,662 in Fiscal Year 2020-21. A review of the assets and liabilities will be conducted as due diligence by the San Diego County Local Agency Formation Commission. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

N/A

ACTION:

ON MOTION of Supervisor Anderson, seconded by Supervisor Desmond, the Board of Supervisors closed the Hearing and took action as recommended, adopting Resolution No. 21-141, entitled: RESOLUTION OF INTENTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO TO HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING TO INITIATE PROCEEDINGS FOR DISSOLUTION OF COUNTY SERVICE AREA NO. 69; and, continued the item to October 5, 2021.

AYES: Vargas, Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Fletcher, Desmond

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County of San Diego) §

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of the Original entered in the Minutes of the Board of Supervisors.

ANDREW POTTER
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors



Signed
by Andrew Potter

