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To: The County CEO and the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors  
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Carre Brown  
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John McCowen

We are writing to express our position on the matter of the County's contract with Coastal Valley EMS Agency and CEO Carmel Angelo's recommendation to create three County EMS positions.

It seems that this recommendation is putting the cart before the horse. The Board has not yet decided on a model for Local Emergency Medical Services. Approving three new positions is premature. There should be more communication about the alternative plans and associated costs. The process should allow input from rural and coastal agencies.

We understand that at this week's meeting you will discuss options of staying with Coastal Valley, supplementing Coastal Valley with additional resources to serve specific needs of our County, or implementing an independent LEMSA in our county. Why approve new positions before this decision is made?

Coastal Valley EMSA serves us well. Our Department is impressed with Coastal Valley EMSA's oversight, policies, practices, and responsiveness. And at less than \$100,000 per year, the contracted cost is a bargain.

We encourage you to consider negotiating with Coastal Valley is a way that protects our County's needs and continues to move forward with first-rate emergency medical response that Coastal Valley supports.



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Ed O'Brien  
Chief, Mendocino VFD



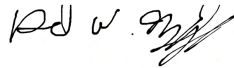
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