



MENDOCINO COUNTY *MEMORANDUM*

Date: September 11, 2017

To: Board of Supervisors & CEO

From: Supervisor Dan Gjerde

Subject: Announcing a Motion to Reconsider HHSA's timeline that includes an RFP for Fire and Emergency Dispatch Services to be placed on September 19, 2017 Board of Supervisors meeting

On August 15, the board approved a timeline, presented by the Health and Human Services Agency, which included a timeline to send out request for proposals for fire and emergency dispatch services.

Following the guidance of the board of supervisors 2017 rules of procedure, I am providing notice to the board and public that I am requesting a motion to reconsider that item to be placed on the next regular meeting. In reading Rule 27, motion to reconsider, it says a board member who was absent must make this request upon their next attendance of a regular meeting. (I am doing this, with this memo.) And then the agenda item for reconsideration is placed on the following agenda, which would be for the board's September 19 meeting.

This request is being made with considerable thought and consideration. I have spoken with representatives of several local fire departments, and have taken a tour of the CalFire dispatch center at Howard Forest. While the board will want to consider many facts, these stick out to me: 1) CalFire is not charging the County it's fully loaded costs for the dispatch service, 2) CalFire is sending the County annual invoices that are consistently cheaper than listed in the contract, and 3) CalFire has fire fighters serving as dispatchers, and that expertise is providing a level of service the local fire departments could not receive from a private dispatch company. Given the information available to the board, I am requesting the board direct that staff would not proceed with an RFP for fire and emergency medical dispatch, since the facts on the ground lead me to believe the board would not approve a contract with a private dispatch company, and proceeding with an RFP would simply be a waste of time and money.

Enclosure

cc: Carmel J. Angelo, Chief Executive Officer/Clerk of the Board