



# El Dorado County Emergency Services Authority

## Special JPA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 16, 2025 – 10:30 a.m.  
Diamond Springs Firefighter's Hall  
501 Pleasant Valley Rd. Diamond Springs, CA

**CALL TO ORDER: 1031**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL**

### Board Attendees:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> CAL FIRE - Cameron Park Fire, Assistant Chief Dusty Martin                  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CAL FIRE Cameron Park, Battalion Chief Kalan Richards |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CAL FIRE ECC AEU, Unit Chief Mike Blankenheim, <b>Vice Chair</b> | <input type="checkbox"/> CAL FIRE ECC AEU, Deputy Chief Dave Wood                         |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Diamond Springs Fire, Chief Matt Gallagher                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Diamond Springs Fire, Division Chief Jack Daniels                |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> El Dorado County Fire, Chief Tim Cordero                         | <input type="checkbox"/> El Dorado County Fire, Vacant                                    |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> El Dorado Hills Fire, Chief Michael Lilienthal                   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> El Dorado Hills Fire, Deputy Chief David Brady        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Garden Valley Fire, Chief Wes Norman, <b>Chair</b>                          | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Garden Valley Fire, Battalion Chief Jon Michaelson    |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Georgetown Fire, Chief Glenn Brown                               | <input type="checkbox"/> Georgetown Fire, Assistant Chief Bob Bement                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mosquito Fire, Chief Ed Dwyer   | <input type="checkbox"/> Mosquito Fire  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pioneer Fire, Chief David Whitt   | <input type="checkbox"/> Pioneer Fire, Battalion Chief Ken Earle                          |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rescue Fire, Chief Bryan Ransdell                                | <input type="checkbox"/> Rescue Fire, Captain Joel Warman                                 |

**Guests: None**

### Other Attendees:

Cristy Jorgensen, Executive Director EDC ESA  
Lindsay Moore, Kingsley Bogard LLP  
Division Chief Steve Adams, EDC Fire (virtual)  
Captain Ty Dennis, EDH Fire  
EMS Manager Kristine Guth, EDC EMSA  
Deputy Chief Dustin Hall, EDH Fire  
Captain Dale Hemstalk, EDH Fire  
Director Mickey Kaiserman, EDC Fire  
Battalion Chief Chris Landry, EDH Fire  
Director Scott Thorne, RES Fire  
Captain Joel Warman, RES Fire  
Deputy Chief Dave Wood, Cal Fire AEU  
Director Tim Yee, RES Fire

## 1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**ACTION:** Chief Lilienthal motioned to approve the agenda. Chief Richards seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

## 2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public comments will be received on each agenda item as it is called. Please note that state law prohibits this Board of Directors from acting on matters not on the agenda. Matters raised by the public may be referred to staff or placed on the next meeting's agenda. Individual comments will be limited to three (3) minutes. The Board reserves the right to waive said rules by a majority vote.

NONE

### 3. ACTION ITEMS

#### 3.1. Medic Unit Staffing

##### 3.1.1 JPA Proposal: Medic Unit Staffing

- Staff presented information on JPA direct hiring employees to work on the medic units. Report broken down into 3 components for review and discussion: Staffing Model & Operational Budget, Compensation & Benefits, and Recruitment & Hiring Process. Staff recommends that if the Board is interested in investigating this proposal further a Working Group be convened to work on a full proposal for presentation to the Board at a later date.
- Discussion on the concept in general. General interest in researching the concept further including legal analysis on the specifics of this EMS System to ensure the concept is sound.
- After presentation of legal opinion Board will determine if a Working Group is necessary to further investigate. Working Group could be under EMSOC to develop the structural framework of the concept.

**ACTION:** Chief Lilienthal motioned to direct the Executive Director to work with legal counsel on legal opinion regarding the concept and present findings to the Board at a future meeting. Chief Michaelson seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

##### 3.1.2 JPA Internal RFP: Medic Unit Staffing

- Discussion on RFP language. Staff presented the RFP as is currently written and available for submissions. At August BOD meeting, direction was given to staff to open the RFP as drafted. RFP opened on September 15<sup>th</sup>. Legal counsel reviewed the document as well prior to release.
- Chief Ransdell expressed concerns on the grading criteria listed in the packet, specifically Criteria #1: Experience with providing prehospital ALS ambulance service. Request to edit the language in that section to allow non-transport providers a more equitable chance on submission. Discussion on edit language to that section.
- Discussion on placement of the unit and concept of Standards of Coverage study. Staff presented GPS maps with call statistics for discussion.
- Discussion on Chief's ability to present proposal on behalf of their District. Process will be that the Chief can present to the Evaluation Committee, but will need to recuse themselves from discussion and voting at the Board level.
- Board provided direction to staff to edit the RFP Grading Criteria Section from "Experience with providing prehospital ALS ambulance service" to "Member Agency and/or current Member Agency leadership experience with providing prehospital ALS ambulance service." at a 20% graded weight. Staff confirmed with the Board multiple times that this was the only edit to make to the document. Staff will make the edit and issue the updated RFP packet by the end of the week.
- Board discussed having a representative present to the evaluation committee before they receive presentations from the agencies submitting proposal to relay information on the system.
- Discussion on delaying the release of the RFP to allow for more study of placement of the 9<sup>th</sup> unit. Ultimately Board elected to keep the timeline as currently written.

**ACTION:** Chief Richards motioned to direct staff to edit the RFP Grading Criteria Section 1 language to, "Member Agency and/or current Member Agency leadership experience with providing prehospital ALS ambulance service." Chief Cordero seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Ayes: 8. Nos: 0. Absent: 2.

### 4. BOARD OF DIRECTORS QUESTIONS & COMMENTS

4.1. CAL FIRE ECC AEU: No Report

4.2. CAL FIRE Cameron Park: No Report

8.3. Diamond Springs / El Dorado Fire: No Report

8.4. El Dorado County Fire: No Report

8.5. El Dorado Hills Fire: Chris Landry will be promoted to Division Chief of EMS & Training

8.6 Garden Valley Fire: No Report

8.7. Georgetown Fire: Filled last open medic position as of November 1<sup>st</sup>.

8.9. Mosquito Fire: Absent

8.10. Pioneer Fire: Absent

8.11. Rescue Fire: No Report.

### 5. GOOD AND WELFARE

None

### 6. ADJOURNMENT 1145

Next Board meeting: 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, October 22, 2025- JPA BOD Meeting

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Note: The Board of Directors may elect to take action on any item included on this agenda.