

**EXCLUSIVE OPERATING AREA 10 FOR
AMBULANCE TRANSPORT**

**Letter Dated January 14, 2015
Requesting Imposition of Specific
Condition on Transfer of EOA 10
Responsibilities from ICEMA**

Attachment 4e



Inland Counties Emergency Medical Agency

Serving San Bernardino, Inyo, and Mono Counties

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January 14, 2015

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Local Agency Formation Commission
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RE: COMMENT ON LAFCO 3185 SPHERE OF INFLUENCE EXPANSION AND LAFCO 3186 REORGANIZATION - DISSOLUTION OF THE CREST FOREST FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Dear Ms. Rollings-McDonald:

Inland Counties Emergency Medical Agency (ICEMA) is the Local Emergency Medical Services Agency for the Counties of San Bernardino, Inyo, and Mono. ICEMA is tasked with ensuring an effective system of quality patient care and coordinated emergency medical response by planning, implementing and evaluating an effective emergency medical services system including prehospital providers.

ICEMA has established exclusive operating areas (EOAs) in San Bernardino County that define the geographical limits within which contracted ambulance providers are authorized to operate. California Emergency Medical Services (EMS) regulations require counties with EOAs to contract with ambulance providers for service either through a competitive procurement process or by determination that the ambulance service has provided uninterrupted service since 1981.

ICEMA has not engaged in a competitive procurement process but has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Crest Forest Fire Protection District (CFFPD) which predates the subcontract relationship between CFFPD and San Bernardino County Fire Protection District (SBCFPD). The MOU designates CFFPD as the exclusive Advanced Life Support ambulance service provider for EOA 10 and Basic Life Support ambulance service provider for EOA 11. LAFCO 3185 and 3186 would ultimately dissolve CFFPD which will require a contract designating the successor agency (SBCFPD) as the exclusive provider.

As a requirement for any LAFCO approval related to ambulance services, ICEMA respectfully requests, that the following language be included:

"The successor agency shall function under Division 2.5 of the California Health and Safety Code for the provision of emergency medical services and shall provide ambulance services only as authorized by the Local Emergency Medical Services Agency (LEMSA), ICEMA is authorized to grant and enforce

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EOAs pursuant to Section 1797.224 and 1797.226 of the California Health and Safety Code, nor shall the reorganization reduce the geographic size, scope or boundaries of any existing EOAs as currently operated. Similarly, the organization shall not increase the geographic size, scope or boundaries of the territory as currently operated, over which the successor agency has authority under Section 1797.201 of the California Health and Safety Code to operate ambulance services, or the authority of the County or ICEMA to grant and enforce them.

In addition to the foregoing, as a condition of and concurrently with the LAFCO approval, the SBCFPD, as the successor agency, shall enter into an agreement with ICEMA granting such agency authority over the creation and enforcement of future EOAs within the boundaries of the successor agency within one-hundred eighty (180) days.”

If you have any questions, please contact George Stone, Program Coordinator, at (909) 388-5808 or via e-mail at George.Stone@cao.sbcounty.gov.

Sincerely,



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EMS Administrator

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c: Greg Devereaux, CEO, San Bernardino County
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