

# COASTAL VALLEYS EMS AGENCY

SERVING MENDOCINO AND SONOMA COUNTIES



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Mendocino County Emergency Medical Services stakeholders,

A great deal has been learned by all of our experiences during the Northern California fires in October of last year. As we know, large scale disasters impacting multiple counties simultaneously can quickly tax resources. In the recent fires, Coastal Valleys EMS Agency (CVEMSA) held the role of the Medical Health Operational Area Coordinator (MHOAC) for both Sonoma and Mendocino Counties.

As part of their review of the fire response, Mendocino County has identified the desire to have more in-county resources representing EMS during an event. While both Counties agree that the regional model is an effective one and works well during periods of regular operations, Mendocino County is interested in doing further evaluation of what Local EMS Agency (LEMSA) infrastructure is needed during large events and how that can be addressed by LEMSA models.

We, CVEMSA and the County of Sonoma, respect Mendocino's efforts in conducting this analysis. We are committed to providing any technical expertise and guidance that Mendocino may require in this process. Moreover, we are committed to continuing to provide ongoing LEMSA services as defined in the existing agreement between the two counties. We have no intention of providing notice to withdrawal from the existing agreement. CVESMA will support Mendocino as the LEMSA so long as there remains agreement in force for services between the two counties. We share the common goal of providing quality care to Mendocino County residents and visitors and we often share patients, particularly for specialty care such as trauma and STEMI. We hope this information helps allay any concerns regarding the partnership between Sonoma County and Mendocino County.

Thank you and please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions.

Respectfully,



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