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To: Jim Grant, County Administrative Officer

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Re: County Contract with First Solar for Advanced Life Support (ALS) services

As director of the Public Health Department, which serves as the County's Emergency Medical Services Agency (EMSA), I am writing in consideration of the proposed contract between the County and First Solar Electric related to the provision of Advanced Life Support (ALS) services near California Valley.

The EMSA is tasked to "plan, implement, and evaluate" an emergency medical services system, including oversight on the implementation of ALS systems (Division 2.5 California Health and Safety Code, sections 1797.204 and 1797.206). As such, EMSA staff and I have reviewed the contract and discussed its terms with County/Cal Fire staff. The EMSA is in support of the County's moving forward with this contract with the following specifications:

1. The proposed contract will include a statement reinforcing the need for all calls for service to be initiated through the 9-1-1 system.
2. Cal Fire shall develop and submit a copy to the EMSA of its plan to maintain ALS skill proficiency for the ALS-certified staff (paramedics) who will be staffing County Fire Station 42 for the duration of the contract period.
3. All Patient Care Reports (PCRs) generated by responses to the First Solar site shall be made available for review by the EMSA.
4. County/Cal Fire will assist the EMSA with implementing procedures in accordance with Division 2.5 California Health and Safety Code, section 1797.201 to revert to a Basic Life Support (BLS) level of service at the conclusion of the contract period.

Should you have any questions or concerns about this matter I am available for further discussion.