



## REDCOM BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### **Special Meeting Minutes**

**January 16, 2025 @ 2pm**

**Sonoma County Fire Station 1**

**8200 Old Redwood Highway**

**Windsor, CA 95492**

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#### Present:

Steve Akre – Sonoma Vally – Chair

Mark Heine – Sonoma County Fire – Vice Chair

Jason Boaz – Healdsburg

Bryan Cleaver – CVEMSA - Secretary

Megan Rosecrans – Coast Life Support

#### Not present:

Dr. Mark Luoto – County EMS Medical Director

#### Others Present:

Nick Barber – REDCOM

Corin Burns – REDCOM Administrative Assistant

Charlotte Jourdain – Strategic Planning Specialist

Mike McCallum – SRFD

Scott Westrope - SRFD

Matt Windrem – Sonoma County Fire

Jeff Schach – Petaluma

Ethan Pawson – Legal Counsel

Ken Reese – REDCOM Communication Manager

Darrell Kopriva – REDCOM

Peter Goyhenetche – AMR

Dan Reese – Bells

Mayra Marquez – ACTTC



Remote:

Evonne Stevens – REDCOM Executive Director  
Brenda Bacigalupi – REDCOM Administrative Assistant  
Sean Lacy – Sonoma Valley Fire  
Derek Cole – Bells Attorney  
James Salvante – Costal Valley EMS  
Pam Bell – Bells

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1. Call to Order Made by Steve Akre @ 2:08pm

2. Approval of the Agenda

Motion to approve Agenda made by Bryan Cleaver and Second Mark Heine – Discussion – No further Comments – Approved unanimously.

3. Public Comment Period

Anyone from the public may address the REDCOM Board of Directors regarding any subject over which the Board has jurisdiction, but which is not on today's agenda. Individuals will be limited to a three-minute presentation. No action will be taken by the Board as a result of any items presented at this time.

Darrell Kopriva – Spoke about the Retirement to bring back for discussion for Calpurs or County retirement.

### Regular Calendar

4. Information Item: Executive Director's report Ken Reese - Gave an update for Evonne Stevens who was at the SCPSC meeting and was on remote to hear. Ken discussed call taking. We are still well above our threshold. Expansion is still on target for spring to start. Empower will start on February 3<sup>rd</sup>. Half of the employees opted to cash out, the other half rolled it over. The hiring process is still in process. We have a couple of people that are in the background. Update on Tech Support. We are working with DEM and Chief Schach about tsunami notification. Coming up with a better way of getting tsunami notifications out. We came up with a process and are working on it. We just reup our TANGO TANGO. It is unlimited users now. Chad and I are going to be working on a county wide with people to



have the ability to start using TANGO TANGO. We also now can work remotely with our consoles. We now can use our PC as a radio console now. If we go remote, we have remote phones, remote CAD and now a remote PC for radio. We can communicate with a one stop shop as long as we have internet access.

Steve Akre – Thank you. Any questions? Hearing none.

5. Action Item: Approve AMR fee adjustment - Charlotte Jourdain – Evonne had to attend the SCPSC meeting she is listing online. March of the last FY when you approved our current year budget. There was an adjustment to the AMR fee to reduce the share based on adjusted Call Volume to reflect interfacility transports only. There was an initial adjustment made. This year, as of December 1st AMR is no longer using REDCOM to process its transports business. We are coming to you to adjust the fee again based on the reduced Call Volume. We are composing that the fee essentially for the year will be what the fee has already been paid so that is \$110,556. If your Board approves the next item on the agenda today, the resigned budget, then there would be an additional small fee of \$3044 to pay for those revised fees connected to the cost increases that we are spending this year. The table in the staff report illustrates the reduction in Call Volume from 36% a couple of years ago to less than .2% of the components now. Any questions?

Steve Akre - Thank you. Any questions or comments? Hearing none. Looking for a motion.

Motion to approve Agenda made by Jason Boaz and Second Mark Heine – Discussion – No further Comments – Approved unanimously.

6. Action Item: Approve a resolution to adopt the FY 2024-25 Revised Budget. –

Charlotte Jourdain – Brief overview of the budget process. At the December Board meeting we did a preview of this current year's revised budget based on the transition away from AMR and to some extent the transition towards Measure H funding at least in part. Today the recommendation is to adopt the revised budget for the current fiscal year. The numbers have not changed based on what was shown in December, they are the same numbers exactly. If the board approves the recommendation to adopt today that will take care of the current fiscal year. Then we will turn right around in February, and we will do a preview of next fiscal year's budget and then in March bring to your Boards attention for the adoption of the final adopted budget for next fiscal year. That is the process. The agenda for today. As we discussed last time there is a rule in the bylaw that requires that we gather a two-thirds super majority of the member agencies for expenditures above



20%. We will look at the result of the vote. We will review the revised budget just in case there are any other questions. We will review the revised member contributions based on the revised budget. I will go over cash flow considerations as we transition to looking at Measure H funding. The timing of the member contributions and then we will look at fund balance. If your Board desires to do so you can vote to adopt the revised budget today.

There is a presentation slide show and discussion to explain the cost broken down per agencies and discussion of the fund balance. Happy

Steve Akre – Thank you for all of the good work and thank you for the presentation. You answered a lot of Boards and others questions.

Derek Cole Bells Attorney - Mr. Chair and members of the Board. My name is Derek Cole. I am an attorney working with Bells Ambulance. I just wanted to make sure the Board received my comment letter before today.

Steve Akre – I believe we all received it. I do not know how much time we all had to process that. I know in conversation with Legal Counsel. The legal Counsel has not had adequate time to dive into that and provide us with an opinion on that. But yes, we did receive it via e-mail.

Derek Cole - I will just simply say that I completely understand that it was given to you just before the meeting. I know how busy all of you are. I would like to say on behalf of Bells. It is very important that the agency comply with the Health and Safety code 1797.223. We do expect that before we can commit to paying any increased fee. I would also advise that because we are a public agency you are subject to proposition 26. We do expect that your agency, when it comes to financing the portion that you are going to receive from the private providers. We will expect compliance with those laws. With that said, we know that you are in a very difficult position having to deal with issues. We do think it is important that those laws be honored. We will look forward to that analysis from your staff going forward.

Steve Akre - Thank you very much Mr. Cole. I know for all of us on the Board and stewards of other public entities following those laws and rules are very important to us as well as both of those roles as well as our role as the REDCOM Board. Thank you for those comments. If I can, I would like to turn it over to our Legal Counsel for any comments, thoughts on both the letter and the budget process.

Ethan Pawson - I think a couple things. If there are any questions specific about



the letter, I am happy to answer those. I want to acknowledge Mr. Cole's comments. We are a public agency subject to proposition 26. We need to make sure that we have a reasonable relationship connected to the amount of fee that we are charging and the service that we are providing to private entities that are within our assessment pool. REDCOM has the records showing it can support the amount of fees they are charging. We have contracts with our private providers using the JPA model. This fee increases affects everyone in this room in different ways. We are open to payment plans and work with all of our member agencies and private providers to ensure both public and private providers have opportunities to make sure cash flow, and budgets are respected and that accounts for REDCOM too. We are in the process of working with the Sonoma County Fire Chiefs Association to negotiate their terms of what their payment structures are going to look like under the new Measure H revenue model and the saying goes for the public providers. We are open for discussion on that.

Steve Akre - Thank you.

Charlotte Jourdain – For your Boards deliberation since we have received that comment. I just would like to inform you that Bell's share of the overall increase is 3.6%. In case it needs to be reallocated/redistributed that is what it is.

Steve Akre – After receiving that letter no Action will be taken. We will move it to our next meeting for discussion on February 6, 2025, after Legal Consuel has an opportunity to review and advise. All Borad Members in favor of moving.

7. Next Regular meeting will be – February 6, 2025 @ 2pm  
Location: 2796 Ventura Ave Santa Rosa, Sheriff's Building
8. Adjournment- Motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned made by Scott Westrope, Second Bryan Cleaver all in favor at 2:54 pm