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**March 12, 2014  
 Agenda Item 8**

Contra Costa Local Agency Formation Commission  
 651 Pine Street, Sixth Floor  
 Martinez, CA 94553

**Update – County Emergency Medical Services Modernization Study**

Dear Members of the Commission:

In February 2013, the County embarked on two separate studies – one covering emergency medical services (EMS) and a second covering the Contra Costa County Fire Protection District services. Each study has a separate focus and scope of work supported by two distinct project teams of Fitch & Associates consultants.

The focus of the EMS study is to evaluate how best to modernize and deliver coordinated emergency medical services utilizing current operational capabilities and fiscal resources. An important component of the study is stakeholder interaction with various groups, including fire, ambulance, and law enforcement service providers, community hospitals, patient advocacy groups, city officials, health plan and policy leadership, and LAFCO.

The project team is completing a series of stakeholder interviews and updates, including a scheduled briefing with the LAFCO representatives prior to the LAFCO meeting on April 9th.

The DRAFT EMS report will be released on March 24<sup>th</sup>, and the public comment period will end on April 18th. A special briefing/Town Hall meeting is scheduled for April 9, 2014 beginning at 5:30 pm (tentative). The April meeting is open to the public. The Final report will be presented to the Board of Supervisors in May 2014.

**RECOMMENDATION** - Receive update and provide comments as desired.

Sincerely,

**LOU ANN TEXEIRA**  
**EXECUTIVE OFFICER**