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Rich Todd, Administrator  
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Dear Mr. Todd:

After much consideration and discussion, the JPA Board voted to remove Medic Ambulance 26 (M-26) from the system. M-26 is our half-time (12-7-365) ambulance that was used primarily for inter-facility transfers (IFTs). This action can be described as our "Last Resort" option to bridge a 1.2 million dollar budget gap for FY 12/13. We had undertaken every other conceivable measure to try and increase revenues and reduce costs to balance our budget but still found it necessary to reduce Class 30 personnel costs.

For nearly four years now we have been able to continuously maintain our contract response time requirements and achieve those results with numbers in the mid 90% range. With the removal of M-26 we can anticipate some decrease in our response time numbers. To maintain our response time compliance, we have modified our system status management plan to reassign the IFT workload to our other remaining full-time (24-7-365) ambulances. The emergency command center will have the authority to call back into service additional medic units when there are only two or three medic units available in the system and/or when we are asked to make an IFT transport out of the Sacramento region. These additional medic units may be staffed primarily with part-time (straight-time and non-benefited) employees as an additional means to reduce overtime costs.

Given our long history of superior response time compliance, the modifications we have made to our system status management plan and the addition of being able to quickly call-back and staff a medic unit, we're confident that we'll be able to maintain response time compliance into the future. We will continue to monitor closely our operating system and make changes as needed to ensure compliance is maintained. I have attached a copy of our new System Status Management Policy.

Please let me know if this meets with your approval as required in the Master Contract.

Respectfully,

Marty Hackett  
Executive Director

cc: Chief Schwab, JPA Board Chair