



EL DORADO COUNTY
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

MEMO

April 4, 2017

TO: Joe Harn
Auditor-Controller

FROM: Don Ashton 
Chief Administrative Officer

SUBJECT: AMBULANCE SERVICES AUDIT

This is to request your assistance in conducting an audit of the special tax for ambulance services in County Service Area 7 and the benefit assessment for ambulance services in County Service Area 3. Based on discussions with the Executive Directors of the El Dorado County Emergency Services Authority and the California Tahoe Emergency Operations Services Authority, there is concern that revenues have remained relatively flat over the last 10 years, even though there has been growth in the County, especially on the West Slope.

The Board of Supervisors Ad Hoc Committee on Fire and Emergency Services concurs that a review should be done to ensure that all revenues due to the CSA's are being captured. This review should include, at a minimum, an audit of the application of these charges to ensure compliance with the voter-approved language. In addition, it appears a review of the Assessor's use codes for each parcel may be necessary to ensure that the appropriate rate is being charged.

Thank you in advance for your assistance and I would be happy to meet with you at your earliest convenience to discuss how to best accomplish this review. There is some time sensitivity to having this completed as quickly as possible as we plan to begin contract negotiations with CSA 7 and would like to have an accurate projection of revenues available to fund services.

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c: Shiva Frentzen, Chair, Board of Supervisors
Brian Veerkamp, Supervisor, District III