



County of Sonoma
Santa Rosa Memorial Hospital
Level II Trauma Service Contract

Current Contract

Board of Supervisor Contract Approval Process

County staff provided a full presentation on March 22, 2022

County staff was asked to return to the BOS on April 19, 2022 with contract revisions to include language supporting an air-quality study.

County staff met with Providence, Santa Rosa Memorial Hospital and they agreed to support both an air-quality and sound study within 18 months of the effective date of the new contract.

During the April 19, 2022 BOS meeting the Board directed staff to add additional language directing that the hospital shall “implement all noise attenuation and air quality improvement measures and recommendations identified in and consistent with the studies and to the extent allowable by law.”

Unfortunately, the Hospital was not present during the BOS meeting, and later the hospital notified County staff that they will not sign the agreement with the Board’s revisions. The hospital expressed concern that the revised language exposed the hospital to an unacceptable level of legal and financial responsibility for issues beyond the hospital’s legal, financial, or technical ability to control or mitigate.

Roles and Responsibilities

The EMS Agency is responsible for the designation of the Trauma Center

The Board of Supervisors approves the contract that allows the EMS Agency to designate Trauma Centers

CALTRANS is responsible for approval of the Helipad

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) conducts research and develops systems and procedures needed for a safe and efficient system of air navigation and air traffic control.

- The EMS Agency and the County of Sonoma can not dictate the routes of aircraft. We do however have preferred routes into the hospital that are identified as the least impactful on the residents

Next steps

On Friday, April 29, 2022 Coastal Valleys EMS Agency issued an emergency Letter of Designation to Providence, Santa Rosa Memorial Hospital under California Code of Regulations, Title 22; Div. 9; CH 7; Article 1; 100248.

There was no lapse in designation nor interruption to level of service or care provided to patients.

New language was drafted, reviewed and approved by the Department of Health Services, Coastal Valleys EMS Agency, Providence, Santa Rosa Memorial Hospital and legal counsel representing each agency.

New Language

Added language to paragraph 5(d) that the study measures and recommendations should be legally, technically, and financially feasible, as well as the language requiring a noticed public hearing within 120 days of receipt of the studies.

Added language to paragraph 3 that “The Parties approval of any extension of the Agreement will comply with all applicable laws, and all reasonable costs associated with such compliance shall be borne by the Hospital.”

Next Steps

Staff recommends approval of contract for Level II Trauma Services with Providence Santa Rosa Memorial Hospital.

If approved, contract moves forward and the residents, neighboring residents and visitors of Sonoma County will continue to be assured that highly trained and specialized medical care professionals will be immediately available to provide life-saving interventions on patients suffering from acute injuries and illness.

Questions?