

Resolution No.

STOCKTON CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING POSITION ALLOCATIONS, FUNDING REALIGNMENTS, AND APPROPRIATIONS TO SUPPORT COUNTYWIDE AMBULANCE DISPATCH OPERATIONS

The San Joaquin County Emergency Medical Services Agency (“SJCEMSA”) serves as the Local Emergency Medical Services Agency (“LEMSA”) with authority to coordinate and regulate emergency medical services pursuant to California Health and Safety Code Division 2.5; and

Acting in its capacity as the LEMSA, SJCEMSA is authorized to designate Exclusive Operating Areas (“EOAs”) for the provision of ambulance transport services and to designate emergency ambulance dispatch providers; and

The City of Stockton is a member agency of the CENCAL Fire and EMS Authority (“CENCAL”), a joint powers authority formed pursuant to sections 6500 et seq. of the California Government Code to provide regional ambulance transport and emergency ambulance dispatch services within San Joaquin County; and

CENCAL has been selected by SJCEMSA to provide exclusive ambulance transport services within EOA Zones X and Y and to serve as the County’s designated emergency ambulance dispatch provider; and

As part of this regional service delivery model, the Stockton Fire Department’s Regional Emergency Communications Center will serve as CENCAL’s subcontracted provider of countywide emergency ambulance dispatch services, resulting in a substantial expansion of dispatch operations, call volume, and operational complexity; and

Implementation of countywide ambulance dispatch requires additional staffing, technology, as well as realignment of existing position funding; and

The CENCAL Joint Powers Agreement provides that excess revenues may be distributed to the member agencies in accordance with their respective pro-rata share, but does not prescribe how such revenues are to be used by a member agency once distributed; and

The City Council desires to formally recognize that any excess revenues distributed to the City of Stockton as a result of CENCAL operations are intended to support and enhance Stockton Fire Department operations and capacity and are not intended to supplant existing baseline Fire Department General Fund appropriations or be redirected to support non-Fire Department functions; and

Pursuant to Section 400 of the City of Stockton Charter, the City Council is the governing body of the City and all powers of the City, including the authority to establish fiscal policy and determine the use and restriction of City revenues, are vested in the City Council; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF STOCKTON, AS FOLLOWS:

1. The City Council approves eight (8) position allocations within the Fire Department General Fund Emergency Dispatch Center sub-fund to support countywide ambulance dispatch operations, consisting of one (1) Emergency Communications Manager position, five (5) Fire Telecommunicator I/II positions, one (1) Fire Telecommunicator Supervisor position, and one (1) Public Safety Information Systems Analyst position.

2. The City Council approves an allocation within the Fire Department General Fund for one (1) Nurse position within the Fire Department Emergency Medical Services Division to maintain clinical oversight and regulatory compliance following implementation of countywide ambulance dispatch operations.

3. The City Council approves an allocation within the Administrative Services Department General Fund equivalent to the fully burdened salary and benefit cost of one (1) Program Manager I classification to address additional administrative workload associated with CENCAL operations, with such costs to be reimbursed by CENCAL in accordance with approved agreements.

4. The City Council approves necessary reallocations of existing Fire Department position funding between the Fire Department General Fund and the Emergency Communications Division sub-fund to ensure accurate alignment of staffing costs with revised operational responsibilities as follows:

- Modify the funding allocation of one (1) Administrative Fire Captain position from 100 percent Emergency Communications Division (ECD) sub-fund to a 10 percent ECD sub-fund and 90 percent SFD General Fund allocation.
- Modify the funding allocation of one (1) Deputy Fire Chief position from 100 percent SFD General Fund to a 50 percent SFD General Fund and 50 percent ECD sub-fund allocation.
- Modify the funding allocation of one (1) Division Chief position from a 60 percent ECD sub-fund and 40 percent SFD General Fund allocation to a 100 percent SFD General Fund allocation.
- Modify the funding allocation of one (1) Fire Department Administrative Manager position from 100 percent SFD General Fund to a 95 percent SFD General Fund and 5 percent ECD sub-fund allocation.
- Modify the funding allocation of one (1) Senior Administrative Analyst position from 100 percent SFD General Fund to a 95 percent SFD General Fund and 5 percent ECD sub-fund allocation.

5. The City Council approves an interfund loan of \$1,112,000 from the City Workers' Compensation Internal Service Fund (530) Reserve balance to the Fire Department General Fund (100) & Emergency Communications Division General Fund sub-fund (100-130), pursuant to City Council interfund loan policy 17.01-020, to fund pre-operational staffing and additional technology costs associated with countywide ambulance dispatch. The interfund loan will be transferred upon execution of a minimum required distribution agreement with CENCAL Fire and EMS Authority, with \$153,000 transferred to the Fire Department General Fund (100) and \$959,000 to the Emergency Communications Division General Fund sub-fund (100-130). The interfund loan will be fully repaid with annual compound interest of 4.35 percent no later than June 30, 2030, by the Emergency Communications Division General Fund sub-fund (100-130).

6. The City Council hereby determines and declares that any excess revenues distributed to the City pursuant to the CENCAL Fire and EMS Authority Joint Powers Agreement shall constitute restricted funds and shall be used exclusively to enhance Fire Department operations, including operational, staffing, and infrastructure needs associated with regional emergency service delivery.

7. The City Council hereby determines and declares that such excess revenues shall not be used to supplant necessary baseline Fire Department General Fund appropriations, including the City's responsibility to fund normal and reasonable growth necessary to provide Fire Department services to the community. Such excess revenues shall not be transferred, reprogrammed, or otherwise used to support other City departments or purposes.

8. The City Manager is authorized to take necessary and appropriate actions to carry out the purpose and intent of this Resolution.

PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED January 27, 2026.

CHRISTINA FUGAZI
Mayor of the City of Stockton

ATTEST:

KATHERINE ROLAND, CMC, CPMC
City Clerk of the City of Stockton