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***Countywide Community Meetings to be Held on the
Feasibility of an Exclusive Operating Area for Ambulance Services***

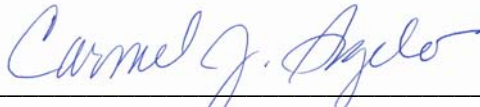
The County of Mendocino is exploring the option of establishing an exclusive operating area for the sustainable provision of emergency ambulance services within the county. Fitch & Associates, the County's consultant, carried out the first round of engagement in March, when they met with representatives from ambulance responders, fire districts, hospitals, and dispatch.

The next round of engagement will consist of community meetings held throughout the county in each supervisorial district, scheduled for April 15-17, at 6:00 p.m., at the following locations and dates:

<i>Fort Bragg</i>	<i>Veterans Building, 360 Harrison Ave., Fort Bragg</i>	<i>Monday, April 15</i>
<i>Boonville</i>	<i>Veterans Building, 14470 Highway 128, Boonville</i>	<i>Monday, April 15</i>
<i>Ukiah</i>	<i>Veterans Building, 293 Seminary Ave., Ukiah</i>	<i>Tuesday, April 16</i>
<i>Gualala</i>	<i>Community Center, 47950 Center St., Gualala</i>	<i>Tuesday, April 16</i>
<i>Willits</i>	<i>Veterans Building, 189 North Main St., Willits</i>	<i>Wednesday, April 17</i>
<i>Redwood Valley</i>	<i>Fire Department, 8481 East Road, Redwood Valley</i>	<i>Wednesday, April 17</i>

This will be a key opportunity to learn about the issues, what an exclusive operating area is, what it could look like, and the potential pros and cons involved. Any future decision regarding seeking proposals for services, establishing an exclusive operating area, or areas, for ambulance services will be based on the needs of our health providers, responders, and the community. Therefore, your input is vital, and we look forward to seeing all interested ones at the meetings.

For more information, please email MendocinoEMS@fitchassoc.com, visit <http://www.co.mendocino.ca.us/administration/EMS.htm>, or call the Executive Office at 463-4441.

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