The California Tahoe Joint Powers Authority

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JPA Board of Directors
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, July 15, 2026 at 9:00am
3066 Lake Tahoe Blvd and Zoom

1. **Regular Meeting- Call to Order/ Roll Call/ Pledge of Allegiance**

   A. **Director Rice called the meeting to order at 9:18am**

   B. **Board Attendees**
   - John Rice, Chair of the Board
   - Irene Kaelin, Vice Chair
   - Heather Horgan, Director

   Other Attendees

   - Ryan Wagoner, CTESOA Executive Director
   - Carley Riedel, CTESOA
   - Megan Aquino, CTESOA
   - Kayla Galvan, CTESOA
   - Chief McNamara, LVFD
   - Mike Cullen, CERT
   - Tina Cullen, CERT

   Virtual Attendees

   - Katie Gray, Director; non-voting
   - Kristine Guth, EDC
   - Robert Merritt
   - Nick Clair

   C. **Communications from the Audience on Non-Agenda Items**

   None.

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Public's chance to speak on any Non-Agenda Items

None.

D. Note about California's Open Meeting Law

1. Approval of the Agenda

Director Kaelin moved to approve the agenda with no changes. Director Horgan seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Approval of the Meeting Minutes from April 8, 2026

Director Horgan moved to approve the minutes from April 8, 2026. Director Kaelin seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Legal Agreement Renewal with Lozano Smith Attorneys

Executive Director Wagoner reported that the CTESOA has maintained a legal services agreement with Lozano Smith Attorneys since 2016. While the renewal rates have increased, they remain within budget. Director Kaelin moved to approve the legal agreement renewal with Lozano Smith Attorneys. Director Horgan seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Review of Budget to Actual Through May 31, 2026

Accountant Robert Merritt presented the Budget to Actual report through May 2026. Revenues were slightly over budget in other revenue/standby ($24,000) and IFT transport ($13,000); total expenses were about $325,000 under budget, with overages in scholarships, medical supplies, Workers' Compensation, and health benefits (the largest, at $43,000 over, due to a UHC rate increase). Executive Director Wagoner reported that medical supply overages are being addressed through communication with member agencies regarding restocking practices, along with an upcoming supplier meeting to review potential cost savings. He noted that health benefits overages are due to a significant UHC rate increase, with an additional 20% hike anticipated next year, and that he plans to review alternative insurance options with staff. In

response to board questions, Executive Director Wagoner confirmed that medical supplies are purchased in bulk at approved government rates, that equipment such as monitors is obtained through a regional lease-to-own arrangement, that the wellness budget line covers staff retreats and employee recognition, that Workers' Compensation costs decreased this year, and that fuel costs remain adequately budgeted. Executive Director Wagoner further reported ongoing challenges recruiting paramedics and outlined recruitment efforts underway, including a recruitment video, planned QR code signage, a proposed $750 employee referral fee, and the JPA's apprenticeship program. He also noted that the county may move toward priority dispatching in the future, though no action is currently being requested of member agencies.

5. Review and Approval of County Data Sharing Agreement

Kristine Guth, representing El Dorado County, presented background on the statewide data exchange framework established under Assembly Bill 133 (2021) and explained that Senate Bill 660, signed into law in late 2025, now requires EMS agencies and their contracted providers to join the data sharing framework. She explained the process involves two steps: individually completing the data exchange agreement through the state portal, and a separate, subsequent agreement governing the actual data exchange, which is expected to route through the JPA's existing CEMSIS/Image Trend reporting system. She noted the state's original compliance deadline of July 1 has already passed but that a grace period is expected through January before agencies face consequences for non-participation. Board members asked clarifying questions regarding the intent of the legislation (patient outcomes versus oversight), the scope and granularity of data to be shared, which entities are required to participate, whether any additional costs or software changes would result, and whose signature would be required on the agreement. Staff confirmed the requirement applies to JPAs and fire agencies providing advanced life support, that no additional costs or internal process changes are anticipated, and that the agreement would be signed by the board chair. Director Horgan moved to approve the County Data Sharing Agreement. Director Kaelin seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Alpine County Update

Executive Director Wagoner stated he and Chief McNamara met with Alpine County

officials, including the county's chief and legal counsel, on June 6 to discuss the JPA's ongoing response obligations to the Kirkwood area. He provided background on the long-standing nature of the issue and reiterated the board's direction to identify a sustainable path forward — whether continuing current response levels, modifying the response, or ending service — based on cost and the JPA's desire to remain a good regional partner. He noted Alpine County pays a separate provider approximately $130,000–$150,000 annually for response coverage elsewhere in the county. A tiered response protocol was implemented July 1, requiring at least three medic units to remain available system-wide before responding to Kirkwood-area calls, in order to preserve the JPA's last available unit. The Board discussed potential cost-recovery models and stressed the importance of confirming any new response framework with legal counsel given liability concerns.

7. Vote to Add Approval for Remount Not to Exceed $225,000 to Agenda

Executive Director Wagoner requested that an item approving an ambulance remount, not to exceed $225,000, be added to the agenda, noting that immediate action was required and that the need to add the item arose after the agenda had been posted. Director Horgan moved to add the item to the agenda. Director Kaelin seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

8. Approval for Remount Not to Exceed $225,000.

Executive Director Wagoner presented a budget remount quote obtained in coordination with Lake Valley and the manufacturer, noting the quote reflects a reduced-cost configuration and that a chassis surplus opportunity from the manufacturer had reduced the anticipated cost from a previously expected $305,000–$325,000 to approximately $213,000. Executive Director Wagoner requested board authorization not to exceed $225,000, noting the existing box/body would be transferred from a unit being surplused onto the new chassis. Director Kaelin moved to approve the remount not to exceed $225,000. Director Horgan seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

E. Adjournment

Director Rice adjourned the meeting at 10:41am.