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Agenda: November 20, 2001

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
County of Santa Cruz
701 Ocean Street
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

Re: Approval to Submit a Grant Application to the State Emergency Medical Services Authority

Dear Members of the Board:

The Health Services Agency is requesting approval to submit a grant application to the State Emergency Medical Services Authority (EMSA). The amount requested will be \$500,000 which will be used to prepare and implement a Santa Cruz County Trauma Plan. The Santa Cruz County EMS Agency has been identified as a potential candidate for receipt of funding under AB 430 (Cardenas, et al.) This legislation provides one-time funding to local EMS agencies who do not have an approved trauma plan, to prepare and implement a plan. The 2001/02 State budget included **\$5** million for this purpose. There are 13 agencies statewide who currently do not have approved trauma plans.

The grant application is due January 15, 2002. The project timeframe will be April 1, 2002-December 31, 2003. Funds are intended to be used in both the development and implementation of a trauma plan, including data collection/trauma registry activities, quality improvement, personnel, training, and trauma research. The grant would provide the ability to generate hospital outcome data in a confidential, coordinated trauma data system, allowing for the full implementation, evaluation, and improvement of a trauma plan.

There would be no financial cost to the County as a result of receiving this grant.

It is, therefore, **RECOMMENDED** that your Board:

Approve submission of a \$500,000 grant application to the State Emergency Medical

Services Administration for development and implementation of a Santa Cruz County Trauma Plan.

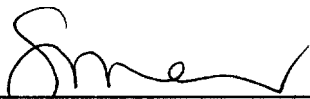
Sincerely,



Rama Khalsa, Ph.D.
Health Services Administrator

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RECOMMENDED:



Susan Mauriello
County Administrative Officer

cc: County Administrative Office
Auditor-Controller
County Counsel
Health Services Administration