DIAMOND SPRINGS/EL DORADO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT RESOLUTION 2011.09

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE DIAMOND SPRINGS/EL DORADO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

WHEREAS, the Diamond Springs/El Dorado Fire Protection District has been providing ambulance service since 1977; and,

WHEREAS, the Diamond Springs/Dorado Fire Protection District has provided quick, reliable service to the residents and businesses of the County of El Dorado for over 34 years; and.

WHEREAS, there is pending in the State Legislature, Legislation entitled "Assembly Bill (AB) 210" authored by Assemblyman Jose Solorio which deals with emergency medical services, including, medical transport and modification of existing rights such as those of the District consistent with the State and Health and Safety Code Section 1797.201 "201 rights"; and,

WHEREAS, AB 210 would allow the claim that the District's "201 rights", and others, have been terminated; and,

WHEREAS, District residents pay an EMS/Fire tax providing ambulance service to those residents; and,

WHEREAS, the District provides such emergency medical services consistent with all applicable Medical Control Policies and Procedures; and,

WHEREAS, the District supports the current County-wide Ambulance System through a mutual aid system, and the "closest ambulance philosophy" for the continued provision for District emergency medical services including, medical transport has numerous public and private benefits.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Diamond Springs/El Dorado Fire Protection District Board of Directors declares that:

1. The District Board is opposed to AB 210 because it would provide a claimed authority that other prospective emergency medical ambulance providers and others to claim, and perhaps advance litigation that the District's 201 rights are no longer in effect; and,

2. The District's opposition will continue until either AB 210 is defeated or amended so that the 201 rights of the District, and prospective 201 rights of other local fire agencies are preserved.

The foregoing resolution was passed and adopted by the Board of Directors of the Diamond Springs/El Dorado Fire Protection District at a meeting of said Board held on the thirteenth day of July 2011.

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

ATTEST:

Charles J. Hoff, Board Chair

Caroline Falconer, Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

William D. Ross District Counsel