

Region 9 - Trinity  
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**Subject:**Deadline for comment

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I didn't see any notice of a deadline for citizen comments at you site, but did notice that several people were complaining about a June 24 deadline. I think you should accept the following comment since there is no mention of it in the part of your site where you solicit comments. If you are going to have a deadline, it needs to be prominently displayed and not be a state secret.

A further reason why Trinity County should NOT have its Congressional district changed to the Coast is the decision this past week by its BOS to select Nor-Cal EMS as the LEMSA for the county. LEMSAs are the local agencies that provide oversight for ambulances, volunteer fire and other emergency medical response services. In this case, Nor-Cal EMS, located in Redding, was chosen by a 5-0 vote to represent all of Trinity County. The competing LEMSA, which was not selected by the BOS, was North Coast EMS located in Eureka.

For the past several years, Nor-Cal EMS has represented Trinity County Life Support, the ambulance service for most of the county, along with most of the volunteer fire departments. The ambulance and fire responder services in sparsely-populated parts of the south county have been represented by North Coast EMS. Unfortunately the state EMS authority forced Trinity County to decide upon only one LEMSA for the entire jurisdiction. So the vote was 5-0 to go with the Redding agency because it was the logical decision. Most of the county's communities and population shop in Redding, receive advanced medical care in Redding and are physically closer to Redding than to Eureka and other coastal cities. If an illness or injury in Trinity County requires medical air transport, it comes from Redding and returns to a Redding emergency room.

To redistrict Trinity County to the Coast would be a travesty. How can a person depending upon the Redding area for emergency medical care receive proper representation from coastal-based elected officials?

If the agencies that have life and death authority over our lives and the facilities that care for us are located in one Congressional district and our elected representatives are in another, where does that leave us?

Again, any reasonable person would oppose political maneuvering that deprives people of the representation that they deserve. Life is difficult enough here (check our unemployment numbers) without political meddling from urbanites who don't understand our historical demographics. Please leave Trinity County alone.