

CALAVERAS ENTERPRISE



Mark Twain Health Care District Receives District

Certification

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The Association of California Healthcare Districts announced May 24 that Mark Twain Healthcare District has been designated a certified health care district.

To be designated as a certified health care district, a district must demonstrate compliance with certain practices that assure transparency and compliance with standards for ethics, purchasing and executive compensation.

“Mark Twain is honored to be recognized as a certified health care district,” said district Executive Director Daymon Doss. “This certification is not only valuable within the organization, but valuable for our community and constituents to see that we believe in transparency and compliance. We will be proud to display our certification on our website and future documents.”

California health care districts respond to the specialized health needs of California communities. Voters created 78 such districts. Of these, 54 serve the state’s rural areas.

Health care districts provide access to essential health services and are directly accountable at the community level.

The Association of California Healthcare Districts represents health care districts throughout the state. Learn more at achd.org.



Mark Twain Health Care District
P.O. Box 668
San Andreas, CA 95249

Thank you for being a program speaker for the Rotary Club of West Calaveras. The Rotary Club has provided a donation to the Calaveras County Library to recognize their speakers. As a result, the new copy of the book *Emotional First Aid* has been added to the Library collection in your honor, with a bookplate.

We appreciate your participation as a program speaker and are delighted to partner with Rotary in promoting literacy and enhancing the library collection.

I apologize for the tardiness of this notification. With the departure of the previous librarian, this work and process was unavoidably delayed. The lateness of this notice is not an indication of our lack of gratitude for your service to the library through this wonderful program.

Thank you, again,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nancy Giddens". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Nancy Giddens
Calaveras County Librarian

N I N T H A N N U A L

DORIS BARGER GOLF OUTING

September 12, 2016

9/15/2016

Mark Twain Health Care District
768 Mountain Ranch Road
San Andreas, CA 95249

Dear Mark Twain Health Care District:

Thank you for your donation of \$2,500.00 as a Sponsorship at the 9th Annual Doris Barger Golf Outing. The proceeds of this event go towards supporting Women's Health while honoring long-time supporter Doris Barger.

Your donation and support are greatly appreciated and will help Mark Twain Medical Foundation support the Mark Twain Medical Center in its campaign to build a new medical center in Angels Camp.

The Foundation acknowledges your generous donation.

Sincerely,



Peggy Harrington Lucas
VP of Philanthropy

PHL/pmj

Please consult your tax preparer or attorney for applicability of this donation. Tax ID #68-0023507 501(c)3



Mark Twain
Medical Center Foundation.

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Calaveras County Chamber of Commerce

EDA Grant Awarded!

The Central Sierra Economic Development District (CSEDD) in collaboration with the Calaveras County Chamber of Commerce (CCCC) and the California Association of Local Economic Development (CalED) is being awarded a grant in the amount of \$250,000. This funding will be used to establish an economic development planning framework in the form of the Calaveras Business Resource Center (CBRC).

The CBRC will be centrally located in San Andreas at the Huberty Building (7 Main Street) to help new businesses and sustain existing business. Partnering with the CSEDD and CalED, the CCCC will be implementing business programs and workshops as well as bringing in an Economic Developer through CalED.

The CBRC is a project brought together by the Leadership class of 2015 from the Chamber's Leadership program. The idea of a "One Stop Shop" was presented to the Leadership class by Board of Supervisors Chair, Cliff Edson. The Leadership class presented their project to the Calaveras County Board of Supervisors earlier in the year and worked with Shirley Ryan, Calaveras County CAO, to obtain a 2 year lease for the Huberty Building.

EDA funding supports the development and implementation of a comprehensive economic development strategy (CEDs). The CEDs process is designed to bring together the public and private sectors in the creation of an economic development roadmap to diversify and strengthen the regional economy.

We are excited to announce that we will be relocating! During the time of our move, there may be issues with our phone service. If you cannot reach us by phone, please email. We apologize for the inconvenience. Our new location will be 7 Main Street, San Andreas. We are working hard to make this transition as smooth as possible and we appreciate your understanding.

Mailing Address:
Government Center
San Andreas, CA 95249-9709

Phone: (209) 293-7211

Email: dda@volcano.net

October 13, 2016

TO: Voting CPPA Member Agency Representatives
FROM: Dennis Dickman
SUBJECT: **Voting Instructions**

Six Member Agencies were nominated for the At-Large Board of Director position. Four nominees declined the nomination and two nominees accepted the nomination.

Enclosed is a ballot with the names of the two Member Agencies and their current Representative that accepted the nomination. Please read the following instructions for marking the ballot and returning it to CPPA.

1. Vote for only one candidate by placing an X by the Member Agency's name on the ballot.
2. Place the ballot in the CPPA self-addressed stamped envelope and seal the envelope.
3. **Sign** the outside of the envelope below your name and address (NOTE: for the ballot to be accepted the signature must be that of the Member Agency Representative).
4. Ballots shall be returned to CPPA no later than November 15, 2016.

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Ballot for At-Large CPPA Board of Director Position

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Vote for only one of the following.

- Ebbetts Pass Fire Protection District (Dave Baugher)
- Mokelumne Hill Fire Protection District (Suzanne Coe)

Return Ballot within self addressed stamped envelope so CPPA receives it by November 15, 2016.

Opinion of Probable Costs

Key Project Data Information	Total Project	Site	Building	Other Costs non-grant related	ACTUAL SPEND	OVER/(UNDER)
Square Footage Totals	19,800	147,222	19,800			
Direct Construction Cost per SQFT	248	3.74	220			
Total Construction Cost per SQFT	276	4.14	245			
Total Project Cost per SQFT (including Financing)	\$ 350	\$ 7.18	\$ 297			

Direct Construction Cost						
Direct Construction Cost	\$ 4,856,555	\$ 500,555	\$ 4,356,000			\$ (4,856,555)
Monument Signs	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ -			\$ (50,000)
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -			\$ -
Total Direct Construction Cost	\$ 4,906,555	\$ 550,555	\$ 4,356,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (4,906,555)

In-Direct Construction Cost						
Labor/Material & Performance Bonds (1.5%)	\$ 73,598	\$ 8,258	\$ 65,340			\$ (73,598)
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -			\$ -
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -			\$ -
Total In-Direct Construction Cost	\$ 73,598	\$ 8,258	\$ 65,340	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (73,598)

Construction Contingencies / Escalation						
				10%		
Building Contingency	\$ 485,655	\$ 50,055	\$ 435,600		\$ 76,800	\$ (408,855)
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -			
Total Construction Contingencies / Escalation	\$ 485,655	\$ 50,055	\$ 435,600		\$ 76,800	\$ (408,855)
Total Construction Budget	\$ 5,465,809	\$ 608,869	\$ 4,856,940	\$ -	\$ 76,800	\$ (5,389,009)

Equipment Budget						
Group I - Fixed Medical Equipment	\$ -					
Group II - Major Movable Medical Equipment	\$ -					
Group III - Minor Movable Medical Equipment	\$ -					
Group IV- Instruments (relocation of med dispensers)	\$ -					
Food Service Equipment	\$ -					
Furniture Fixtures and Equipment Allowance	\$ -			\$ 700,000		\$ (700,000)
Graphic / Signage / Artwork / Plants	\$ -					
Nursecall & Code Blue Systems	\$ -					
Intercom/Public Address/Fixed AV	\$ -					
Radio Systems	\$ -					
Dictation Systems	\$ -					
Security/Video Surveillance/Access Control	\$ -					
Television	\$ -					
Structured Cabling / IT Allowance	\$ -			\$ 500,000		\$ (500,000)
PBX -Telecom (includes VM)	\$ -					
Desktop Devices (Desktops, Laptops, Handhelds & Printers)	\$ -					
Network Electronics	\$ -					
Software Applications (Installation, Licenses etc.)	\$ -					
Time & Attendance	\$ -					
IT Construction Project Mgmt	\$ -					
IT Construction 3rd Party Resources	\$ -					
Other Equipment Costs	\$ -					
Total Equipment Budget	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,200,000	\$ -	\$ (1,200,000)

Opinion of Probable Costs

Key Project Data Information	Total Project	Site	Building	Other Costs non-grant related	ACTUAL SPEND	OVER/(UNDER)
Consultant Fees						
Architect/Engineer Fees	\$ 370,429	\$ 30,443	\$ 339,986		\$ 145,353	\$ (225,076)
Equipment Planner Fees	\$ -	\$ -				
Other Consultant Fees	\$ -	\$ -			\$ 4,175	\$ 4,175
Total Consultant Fees Budget	\$ 370,429	\$ 30,443	\$ 339,986	\$ -	\$ 149,528	\$ (220,901)
Administrative Costs						
Permit Fees & Hook ups	\$ 410,000	\$ 260,000	\$ 150,000		\$ 7,459	\$ (402,541)
IOR/Special Inspections	\$ -					
Site Survey, Testing, Boring & Reports	\$ 67,500	\$ 27,500	\$ 40,000		\$ 14,750	\$ (52,750)
Testing Services	\$ 40,000		\$ 40,000			
Legal Fees	\$ 30,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 20,000		\$ 15,692	\$ (14,308)
Move-in Start-up	\$ -			tbd		
Internal Project Management	\$ -					
3rd Party Project Management	\$ 45,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 40,000			\$ (45,000)
Other Administrative Costs (includes Commissioning, Auditing, EIR)	\$ -					
Total Administrative Cost	\$ 592,500	\$ 302,500	\$ 290,000	\$ -	\$ 37,901	\$ (514,599)
Land & Site Development						
Land Acquisition	\$ -	tbd		\$ 890,000	\$ 903,112	\$ 13,112
Off Site Development	\$ -					
Total Land & Site Development Budget	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 890,000	\$ 903,112	\$ 13,112
Total (Construction+ Equipment + A/E Fees+ Admin Costs)	\$ 6,428,738	\$ 941,812	\$ 5,486,926	\$ 2,090,000	\$ 1,167,341	\$ (7,311,397)
Owner Reserves						
		10% site, 5% Building				
Owner's Contingency	\$ 368,527	\$ 94,181	\$ 274,346			\$ (368,527)
Project Escalation - other than construction	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -			
Total Owner Reserves	\$ 368,527	\$ 94,181	\$ 274,346	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (368,527)
Total Project Capital Cost excluding Financing	\$ 6,797,265	\$ 1,035,993	\$ 5,761,272	\$ 2,090,000	\$ 1,167,341	\$ (7,679,924)
Financing Costs (Final)	135,945	20,720	115,225		\$ 15,730	(120,215)
Total Project Capital Cost including Financing	\$ 6,933,211	\$ 1,056,713	\$ 5,876,498	\$ 2,090,000	\$ 1,183,071	\$ (7,800,140)

Mark Twain Healthcare District
Valley Springs clinic project
Vendor payments by OPC Category
As of 10-17-16

Row Labels	Sum of Amount	OPC Category
Air Permitting Specialists	3,200	Site Survey, Testing, Boring & Reports
Aspen Street Architects	126,433	Architect/Engineer Fees
Calaveras County Planning Department	5,806	Permit Fees & Hook ups
Calaveras County Public Works	425	Permit Fees & Hook ups
CCWD	1,003	Permit Fees & Hook ups
CSU Stanislaus	225	Permit Fees & Hook ups
First American Title Company	903,112	Land Acquisition
Hendrickson Consulting	15,730	Financing Cost
Kittelson & Associates	18,920	Architect/Engineer Fees
Kleinfelder	9,300	Site Survey, Testing, Boring & Reports
Meyers Nave	15,692	Legal Fees
Michael W. Skenfield	4,175	Other Consultant
Van Lieshout, Patrick	76,800	Building Contingency
Wiebe Land Surveying	2,250	Site Survey, Testing, Boring & Reports
Grand Total	1,183,071	



September 23, 2016

AMENDED LETTER OF CONDITIONS
3RD AMENDMENT

MR SANDY HASKINS
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
MARK TWAIN HEALTH CARE DISTRICT
768 MOUNTAIN RANCH ROAD
SAN ANDREAS, CA 95249

Subject: Application for USDA Rural Development's Community Facilities Program to Construct a New Clinic in Valley Springs, CA

Dear Mr. Haskins:

This 3rd Amendment to the Letter of Conditions dated September 28, 2015 is issued to extend the time to meet the Letter of Conditions for the subject project.

The period to meet the Letter of Conditions dated September 28, 2015 is **extended from September 28, 2016 to September 28, 2017**. In the event the project has not advanced to the point of construction within this allowed time, USDA Rural Development reserves the right to discontinue the processing of the application.

Please attach this 3rd Amendment to the Letter of Conditions dated September 28, 2015, 2nd Letter of Conditions Amendment dated May 19, 2016, and 1st Letter of Conditions Amendment dated 2015. In addition to these amended approval conditions, all other approval conditions in the Letter of Conditions, not hereby amended, will need to be complied with.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact this office.

Sincerely,

JOSÉ E. GUARDADO
Area Specialist

cc: Anita Lopez, CP Director, USDA Rural Development, Davis, CA
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ACHD Advocate

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From the Desk of Ken Cohen, Executive Director

In case you missed it, ACHD is pleased to announce that Governor Brown signed [SB 957](#) (Hueso) on August 26, which authorizes Healthcare Districts that own or operate hospitals and/or clinics to use the design-build process when contracting for the construction of a hospital or health facility building.

ACHD is also pleased to announce that Governor Brown signed [AB 2024](#) (Wood) on September 23, which authorizes federally certified critical access hospitals to employ physicians.



ACHD strongly supported and advocated for AB 2024, which is an important step in addressing the health care workforce shortages affecting California. Thank you to all of our members who supported this measure. The bill will take effect on January 1, 2017.

The Little Hoover Commission has scheduled a roundtable discussion to explore the landscape of Healthcare Districts, with a focus on those Healthcare Districts that have received attention from local grand juries, the Legislature and others. The roundtable discussion will be held on **Wednesday, November 16**, from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the

<http://campaign.r20.constantcontact.com/render?ca=aeb75f02-d4bc-4697-9e78-69e8610fa937&preview=true&m=1102296513759&id=preview>

Lower Level Conference Room of 925 L Street, Sacramento. ACHD has been invited to participate and update the Commission on the vital services Healthcare Districts provide to California's local communities.

As previously reported, in response to the challenge from the Little Hoover Commission, the Assembly Local Government Committee and the Senate Governance & Finance Committee, the ACHD Board established a Working Group comprised of the leadership of Healthcare Districts statewide to review the changing role of Healthcare Districts, enhance accountability and improve transparency. The Working Group has met four times and developed the following four themes for the ACHD Board to consider: **Messaging, Modernization of Healthcare District Law, Credentialing/Certification of Healthcare Districts, and Enhancements to LAFCo.** The specific strategies underlying these major themes was discussed at the ACHD Board retreat this week.

Stay tuned for updates from the ACHD Board on their strategic discussions in October. We look forward to keeping you up to date on those efforts.

Lastly, the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) announced that they recently established discounts for the California Teleconnect Fund (CTF). Discounts have been cut by the California Public Utilities Commission from 50% to 25% of eligible services. And many key services are no longer eligible for the discounts. These cuts will hit your Healthcare District's telecom and IT budget HARD. Now - more than ever - it is critical to try to offset that budget hit and "turn over every rock".

Your carriers may offer you a Voice Exemption, which may or may not ultimately benefit your District. Most likely it would NOT make sense for your HCD to opt for this exemption. Overcharge Recovery Group is here to help. They offer ACHD MEMBERS a no-cost, no-obligation review. Contact Christine Nesbitt at christine@overchargerecovery.org, or call 424-241-2196 with any questions or concerns.

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In Case You Missed It... Healthcare District News from Around the State



Desert Healthcare District to fund walk-in clinic in North End of Palm Springs

The west end of the Coachella Valley will now have a new walk-in health clinic with dedicated staff to serve the homeless population and under-served in the north-end of Palm Springs thanks to support from Desert Healthcare District. Read the full article [here](#).

Redondo Beach, Beach Cities Health District look to make Prospect Ave. safer

Long considered one of the city's main arterial roadways, residents and city staff are taking a tighter look at Prospect Avenue with the aim of making the street safer throughout Redondo Beach. Read the full article [here](#).

Donation helps feed Big Bear students

Middle-schoolers in Big Bear are eating healthier thanks to a donation from the Bear Valley Community Healthcare District. Read the full article [here](#).

Parents are focus of workshops to combat teen drinking and drug use in beach cities

It's no secret that teens in affluent communities turn to alcohol and drugs to cope with high academic pressures - but wellness experts want parents in the beach cities to stop treating it that way. Read the full article [here](#).

Village concept offers seniors independence

It takes a village to raise a child, or so the saying goes. For seniors in Camarillo, it will take a genuine commitment to create a village-like community to care for the city's elderly. Read the full article [here](#).

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Request for District Data

As you may know, the [Little Hoover Commission](#) is reviewing California's special districts. Additionally, the Assembly Local Government Committee and the Senate Governance & Finance Committees has expressed an interest in conducting informational hearings regarding Healthcare Districts in the fall. In response to these hearings, ACHD is working to enhance our communications, messaging and educational materials in a way that best represents Healthcare Districts as a whole. To do this, it is very important that we utilize data to emphasize the great work that Healthcare Districts do in California.



In the past few weeks, your District should have received an email titled: **Request for District Data**. As soon as you are able, ACHD would greatly appreciate your assistance on [this brief questionnaire](#). Every piece of information gathered helps us to better advocate for your District and constituents.

Please send all responses, questions, or concerns to annie.hohn@achd.org or cellosea.chilton@achd.org. ACHD thanks you for your help on this project.

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ACHD 2016-17 Policy Committees

Thank you to all that expressed interest in serving on an Association of California Healthcare District (ACHD) policy committee. On September 19th, ACHD Board Chair Julie Nygaard and Ken Cohen finalized the membership of each committee. The 2016-17 Committee membership is as follows:

Advocacy Committee

Chair, Howard Salmon	Fallbrook Health District
Dara Czerwonka	Palomar Health
Jerry Abe Hathaway	Mayers Memorial Healthcare District
Jacqueline Sun	Beach Cities Health District
Randolph Lenac	Grossmont Healthcare District
Alan MacPhee	John C. Fremont Healthcare District
Julia Miller	El Camino Healthcare District
Ted Owens	Tahoe Forest Hospital District
John Ungersma, M.D.	Northern Inyo Healthcare District
Dillon Gibbons	California Special Districts Association
Kara Ralston	Camarillo Healthcare District
Bob Ayres	Grossmont Healthcare District
Ramona Faith	Petaluma Health District
Brenda Taussig (alternate)	El Camino Hospital District
Elly Garner (alternate)	Palomar Health
Barry Jantz (alternate)	Grossmont Healthcare District
Ex- Officio: Julie Nygaard	Tri City Healthcare District

Education Committee

Chair, Ramona Faith	Petaluma Health District
Phil Blas	John C. Fremont Healthcare District
Linda Rubin	Pioneers Memorial Healthcare District
Lee Michelson	Sequoia Healthcare District
Laura Mitchell	Tri City Healthcare District
Bobbi Palmer	Fallbrook Health District
Don Parazo, M.D.	Antelope Valley Healthcare District
Vanessa Poster	Beach Cities Health District
Lin Reed	Mark Twain Health Care District
Linda Wagner	Seneca Healthcare District
Beatriz Vasquez, Ph.D.	Mayers Memorial Healthcare District
Ex-Officio: Julie Nygaard	Tri City Healthcare District

Finance Committee

Chair, Robert Hemker	Palomar Health
Bob Ayres	Grossmont Healthcare District
Sandy Beach	Coalinga Regional Medical Center
Arthur Faro	Sequoia Healthcare District
Harris 'Hank' Simmonds, M.D.	Marin General Hospital
Larry Pistorosi	Chowchilla Memorial Healthcare District
Slavka Crouthamel	Southern Mono Healthcare District
Ex-Officio: Julie Nygaard	Tri City Healthcare District

Governance Committee

Chair, Julia Miller	El Camino Healthcare Districts
Harris 'Hank' Simmonds, M.D.	Marin General Hospital
Sandy Beach	Coalinga Regional Medical Center
Katie Kane	Sequoia Healthcare District
Don Parazo, M.D.	Antelope Valley Healthcare District
Randolph Lenac	Grossmont Healthcare District
John Rossfeld	Antelope Valley Healthcare District
Valerie Lakey	Mayers Memorial Hospital District
Ex-Officio: Julie Nygaard	Tri City Healthcare District

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2016 Legislative Year in Review

2016 was a year of considerable achievement and challenge for the ACHD Advocacy Team. We wanted to share a brief summary of the accomplishments of the past 10 months, as it sets the stage for upcoming issues to consider as we prepare for 2017. In addition to tracking and taking positions on dozens of legislative measures, attending and testifying at policy and fiscal committee meetings, and reporting regularly on measures of interest to Healthcare Districts, the team actively advocated on a number of high priority bills, including ACHD's sponsored bill. Please don't hesitate to reach out with specific questions or concerns about the items summarized below.



ACHD-sponsored Legislation: SB 957 (Hueso) **Healthcare districts: design-build process**

After ACHD's Board of Directors advised the Advocacy Team to seek legislation that provided Healthcare Districts with the authority to utilize the design-build process for construction and rehabilitation of facilities, we began laying the groundwork for building support for such a proposal in the Legislature. After securing an author (Senator Ben Hueso, D-San Diego) and co-authors, we were able to secure a co-sponsor, the State Building and Construction Trades Council of California, an association representing a number of the state's trade unions. We spent a considerable amount of time reaching out to potential supporters, including a number of individual Healthcare Districts. The Advocacy Team also prepared written materials in support of [SB 957](#), leading up to the bill's initial policy committee hearing in the Senate Governance and Finance Committee.

When the Governance and Finance committee staff requested additional language to SB 957 to limit its application, we worked with the ACHD Advocacy Committee to develop language that provided design-build authority to a District that owned or operated a

hospital or clinic. This amendment was sufficient for the committee chair to recommend an "aye" vote and SB 957 was approved unanimously.

From then on, SB 957 was met positively by relevant policy and fiscal committees. In fact, the measure was on the consent calendar the entire time it was in the Assembly. SB 957 was sent to the Governor on August 11, 2016 without a single recorded "no" vote; Governor Brown signed the bill into law on August 26, 2016.

Priority Legislation:

AB 1306 (Burke)

Healing arts: certified nurse-midwives: scope of practice

While [AB 1306](#) was introduced in 2015, the measure was amended in June 2016 and heard again in the Senate Business and Professions Committee in August 2016. This measure, authored by Assembly Member Autumn Burke, would have authorized certified nurse-midwives, within their existing scope of practice, to manage a full range of health care services for women, including gynecologic and family planning services. ACHD strongly supported this measure and met with a number of legislative offices to secure enough votes for passage. While the bill passed out of the Senate, it ultimately failed to gain enough votes pass out of the Assembly on the last night of the legislative session due to strong opposition by the California Medical Association.

AB 2024 (Wood)

Critical access hospitals: employment

When the ACHD Advocacy Team learned that Assembly Member Jim Wood was authoring [AB 2024](#), a measure that sought to allow federally designated critical access hospitals to directly hire physicians, we reached out to his office with our enthusiastic support. ACHD was able to connect Dr. Wood's staff with Dr. Kevin Flanigan, CEO of Northern Inyo Healthcare District, for a "real world" discussion of this important ACHD priority. Dr. Flanigan provided lead testimony in support of the measure and was well-received by the Assembly Business and Professions Committee. ACHD made individual visits to legislators, as well as providing lead testimony in support of the bill. The Team also reviewed draft amendments and provided feedback to Dr. Wood's office, which was particularly important when they were considering amendments to address the concerns of the California Medical Association.

AB 2024 was sent to the Governor without a single recorded "no" vote and was signed on September 23, 2016. The law will take effect on January 1, 2017.

AB 2471 (Quirk)

Healthcare districts: dissolution

ACHD worked diligently with the Eden Township Healthcare District in opposition to [AB 2471](#), a measure by Assembly Member Bill Quirk that sought to dissolve Eden without a LAFCO discussion or a vote of the affected residents. While our primary concern about the bill was its precedent-setting effort to impose a legislative solution when a local dialogue had not yet taken place, AB 2471 and AB 2737 (discussed further below) represented an opportunity for members of the Legislature with long-standing and deeply held concerns about Healthcare Districts to express those concerns loudly. Press and grand jury reports focused on the local controversies surrounding Eden and made those conversations even more difficult.

As a result, Assembly Local Government Committee Chair, Susan Eggman, raised the likelihood of the Committee convening an informational hearing about Healthcare Districts, particularly those that do not provide direct health care services.

During the legislative process, local leaders called upon the Alameda County LAFCO to conduct a special study of the Eden Township Healthcare District. The LAFCO approved the study in June and has embarked upon securing a consultant to conduct such a study. Concurrently, Assembly Member Quirk committed to holding his bill on the Senate Floor pending the outcome of the LAFCO study.

AB 2737 (Bonta)

Non-provider healthcare districts

[AB 2737](#) by Assembly Member Rob Bonta was another effort to address concerns about the financial management and operation of the Eden Township Healthcare District. AB 2737 does not reference Eden specifically, but outlines a series of criteria that must be met for a Healthcare District to be subject to an administrative cost cap of 20 percent. ACHD again worked with the District and CSDA to oppose this precedent-setting bill. Regrettably, AB 2737 was approved by the Governor on September 21, 2016.

ACR 169 (Dahle)

Health Care District Month

ACHD once again sponsored "May as Healthcare District Month" with the introduction and subsequent approval of Assembly Concurrent Resolution 169 by Assembly Member Brian Dahle. With 77 co-authors, [ACR 169](#) established May as Healthcare District Month in California and served to raise awareness about the programs and services provided by California's 79 Healthcare Districts.

AB 2910 (Assembly Local Government Committee)

Local government organization: omnibus

In order to clarify existing statutory direction to LAFCO about dissolution of special districts, ACHD worked with CALAFCO and the Assembly Local Government Committee staff on an [amendment](#) to explicitly include Healthcare Districts in the language that authorizes a LAFCO to do a dissolution without a vote of the people if a majority protest fails to occur. This amendment addresses questions that LAFCOs and District counsels have raised as to whether the Legislature intended to include Healthcare Districts in this provision of law previously.

SB 994 (Hill)/SB 468 (Allen)

Healthcare districts: design-build

Due to amended language in SB 957 (Hueso), Beach Cities Health District and Peninsula Health Care District would not be granted design-build authority if SB 957 were to be approved. As a result, Senator Jerry Hill introduced [SB 994](#), a measure that would have provided a design-build pilot program specifically for Beach Cities and Peninsula Healthcare Districts for a five-year period. These two Districts had projects in the pipeline that would've benefited with design-build. ACHD strongly supported SB 994 and worked with the Districts, Senators Hill and Allen, and legislative staff on an approach that would pass legislative scrutiny. SB 994 was successful in the Senate, securing unanimous support in the Senate Governance and Finance Committee and on the Senate Floor. However, once it arrived in the Assembly, SB 994 could not move due to missing the policy committee deadline. Identical language was amended into [SB 468](#) by

Senator Ben Allen; that bill also did not receive the necessary rule waivers to move through an expedited process in the Assembly prior to the end of session.

Senate Business, Professions, and Economic Development Committee Informational Hearing Corporate Practice of Medicine (CPM) bar

ACHD worked directly with the staff of the Senate Business and Professions Committee to secure a speaker for its informational hearing on the Corporate Practice of Medicine bar in early May. Once again, Dr. Kevin Flanigan, Northern Inyo Healthcare District, testified before the Committee on the practical effects of the corporate ban in his small, rural district. ACHD reviewed the Committee's written report, prepared talking points for Dr. Flanigan, and served as a resource for legislative staff for the hearing. Overall, Healthcare District involvement was positively received.

2016 Legislative Day

Building relationships between ACHD members and legislators is a key element of our advocacy strategy. ACHD's Legislative Day was designed to provide an opportunity for ACHD members to discuss priority legislation with key legislators, their staffs, and committee staff in Sacramento. In 2016, ACHD scheduled 15 meetings with members of the Senate and Assembly Health Committees, Senate Governance and Finance Committee, Assembly Local Government Committee, as well as Senate and Assembly leadership. In addition, ACHD hosted a legislative reception at the California Museum for members of the Legislature to meet ACHD members in a more informal, fun environment. The evening culminated in honoring Dr. Ed Hernandez, Senator from Los Angeles County, with ACHD's Legislator of the Year award.

Little Hoover Commission

In late summer, ACHD was contacted by staff for the Little Hoover Commission with an invitation to participate in a hearing regarding California's special districts. The Little Hoover Commission is an independent state oversight agency tasked with promoting efficiency, economy, and improved service in state government. Citizen members, appointed by the Governor and legislative leaders, in addition to two members of the Senate and two members of the Assembly, make up a commission of 13 members.

ACHD prepared an extensive [written testimony](#) as requested by the Commission and testified in a public hearing before the Commission on August 25, 2016. We coordinated our efforts with the California Special Districts Association, the California Association of Local Agency Formation Commissions (CALAFCO), and a variety of other special district organizations to present a united and consistent message to the Commission. Representatives from two Healthcare Districts also joined us for public testimony.

We have been invited to an additional discussion with the Commission on November 16, where we will present the work of ACHD's Working Group, as the Commission has specifically requested follow-up information on the reforms proposed by the Working Group. While we do not have a specific agenda for that discussion, we do believe that the Commission will be focused on the role of Healthcare Districts that do not operate a hospital.

In Conclusion

The ACHD Advocacy Team also made a concerted effort to promote and strengthen relationships with our partner organizations in Sacramento, including participating in meetings and working directly with staff of the California Special Districts Association, the California Hospital Association (CHA), the District Hospital Leadership Forum (DHLF), and the California Association of Local Agency Formation Commissions (CALAFCO), among others. We were able to work collaboratively with these partners to join our legislative advocacy efforts, to strategize, and to learn about - and potentially be supportive of - their legislative priorities.

These relationships, a commitment to the reform efforts suggested by the ACHD Working Group, and a continuous effort to educate members of the Legislature will be critical to a successful advocacy effort in 2017. We look forward to additional conversations with ACHD's Board of Directors about legislative strategy for the upcoming session.

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CSDA 2016 "Districts Make the Difference" Video Contest



In an effort to increase the understanding and awareness of Special Districts, [California Special Districts Association](#) (CSDA) has launched a statewide video contest.

California high school and college students are invited to participate in their [Districts Make the Difference video contest](#).

Submissions will be accepted until October 31st, 2016 at which point five finalists will be selected and featured on the Districts Make the Difference website for statewide voting.

Winners will be announced early December and the featured district will have an opportunity to participate in a press conference.

CSDA invites all special districts and fans of special districts to participate by sharing this contest with their communities.

For more information visit: www.DistrictsMakeTheDifference.org/contest.

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CSDA 2016 Legislative Tour

ACHD was pleased to co-sponsor and participate in the fourth annual Special Districts Tour with the California Special Districts Association and the California Association of Public Cemeteries. Amber King, Senior Legislative Advocate, and Annie Hohn, Administrative Associate, joined Capitol Legislative staff on a two-day bus tour visiting various types of special districts in the Sierra foothills and Tahoe area. The tour kicked off with a visit to the [Auburn Public Cemetery District](#). The second half of the day was spent at [Tahoe Forest Hospital District](#), who showcased their hospital and community

collaborations, including a tour of the ongoing construction of the remodeled hospital wing. The District highlighted their recent community needs assessment and local collaborations with other local entities, including the school district, to lower teenage alcohol use, and other preventative measures. The tour also included a unique visit to the [Truckee Tahoe Airport District](#) with an up-close look at the helicopter used for care flight and a stop in the middle of the runway, a lunch hosted by [Tahoe City Public Utility District](#), and a fun and engaging lesson in fire safety at the [North Tahoe Fire Protection District](#). ACHD's Advocacy Team was happy to participate in such a fun and informative event.



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Filing and Ethics Requirements for Healthcare District Trustees and Executives

Form 700: Statements of Economic Interests

Every elected official and public employee who makes or influences governmental decisions is required to submit a Statement of Economic Interest, also known as the Form 700. The Form 700 provides transparency and ensures accountability in two ways:

1. It provides necessary information to the public about an official's personal financial interests to ensure that officials are making decisions in the best interest of the public and not enhancing their personal finances.
2. It serves as a reminder to the public official of potential [conflicts of interest](#) so the official can abstain from making or participating in governmental decisions that are deemed conflicts of interest.

Filing a Form 700

The FPPC is available to answer any questions you may have on Form 700 reporting or filing. However, in order to better assist you, you should obtain your "disclosure category." A disclosure category is a description of the types of financial interests you must disclose on your Form 700 based on your job classification or position. Each agency defines its own disclosure categories for each position based on the type and scope of work performed.

To obtain a copy of your disclosure category, check with a supervisor or other designated staff in your agency's legal or personnel department.

Links to the Form 700 and Schedules

[Form 700](#) (Use through Dec. 31, 2016)

[Form 700 Reference Pamphlet](#) (Explains reporting requirements)

[Form 700 Excel Form](#)

[Form 700 FAQs](#)

For more information on the Form 700, [click here](#).

AB 1234 Ethics Training

Many public officials are required to take an ethics training course to educate them on the ethical standards required of any individual who works in state or local government. Public officials may utilize free online courses available to satisfy this requirement. Please note that the state officials ethics course will not satisfy the local officials ethics course requirements and vice versa.

For Local Officials

Cities, counties and special districts in California are required by law ([AB 1234, Chapter 700, Stats. of 2005](#)), to provide ethics training to their local officials.

The law also provides that if an entity develops criteria for the ethics training required by AB 1234, the Fair Political Practices Commission and the Attorney General must be consulted regarding any proposed course content.

Several training options are available to your agency, including training conducted by ACHD during our Leadership Academy, by commercial organizations, nonprofits, or an agency's own legal counsel. In addition, an online training program has been established that allows local officials to satisfy the requirements of AB 1234 on a cost-free basis. The course can be accessed here: [Local Officials Ethics Training Course](#).

When the training is finished, ***you must print*** the Certification of Completion provided at the end of the course training.

The FPPC cannot advise on the legal requirements of AB 1234 because the FPPC does not have jurisdiction to do so. For questions pertaining to legal interpretation and application of AB 1234, please consult your local agency counsel.

For questions or concerns, please contact info@achd.org.

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"Calendar of Events" on ACHD.org



ACHD has recently begun utilizing a [web-based calendar](#) for your convenience. The calendar contains items such as committee and Board of Directors' meetings, as well as Educational Events and ALPHA Council Meetings.

Please feel free to use this calendar as a helpful tool. Please contact [Sheila Johnston](#) with any questions.

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