

RESOLUTION NO. 259

RESOLUTION OF APPLICATION BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE EASTERN PLUMAS HOSPITAL DISTRICT REQUESTING THE PLUMAS LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION INITIATE PROCEEDINGS FOR THE REORGANIZATION OF CERTAIN TERRITORY INCLUDING AN ANNEXATION OF A PORTION OF THE SIERRA VALLEY HOSPITAL DISTRICT AND CONCURRENT DISSOLUTION OF THE SIERRA VALLEY HOSPITAL DISTRICT

Resolved, by the Board of Directors of the Eastern Plumas Hospital District (~~%District+~~), that:

WHEREAS, the District desires to initiate proceedings pursuant to the Cortese-Knox Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000, commencing with Section 56000 et. seq. of the California Government Code, for effectively consolidating the Sierra Valley Hospital District and the Eastern Plumas Hospital District (EPHD) through a process including the annexation of a portion of the Sierra Valley Hospital District located east of the Yuba Summit (in Sierra County) to the Eastern Plumas Hospital District and concurrent dissolution of the entire Sierra Valley Hospital District (herein referred to as Reorganization); and

WHEREAS, the Sierra Valley Hospital District also desires to initiate proceedings pursuant to the Cortese-Knox Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000, commencing with Section 56000 of the California Government Code, for this reorganization; and

WHEREAS, the Eastern Plumas Hospital District and Sierra Valley Hospital District are both formed and operating pursuant to California Health and Safety Code Section 32000, et seq. and are authorized to provide similar services; and

WHEREAS, the Plumas Local Agency Formation Commission and the Sierra Local Agency Formation Commission have approved resolutions thereby agreeing that the Plumas Local Agency Formation Commission will have exclusive jurisdiction as provided for in section 56388 of the Cortese-Knox Local Government Reorganization Act; and

WHEREAS, California Government Code Section 56853(a) (b) & (c) requires the Plumas Local Agency Formation Commission approve or conditionally approve the reorganization of the Eastern Plumas Hospital District and Sierra Valley Hospital District subject to conditions and without notice and hearing except as provided for therein; and

WHEREAS, notice of intent to adopt this resolution of application has been given, District has conducted a public hearing based upon this notification, and has received and considered comments presented at that hearing; and

WHEREAS, the territory proposed to be reorganized is considered to be inhabited (more than 12 registered voters) and a Map and Geographic Description of the boundaries of the territory is attached hereto and by this reference incorporated herein; and

WHEREAS, the reorganization would be consistent with the sphere of influence of the District, as amended, in that the newly reorganized District would have a sphere of influence consisting of the combined spheres of influence of the entire reorganized territory; and

WHEREAS, the reasons for the proposed reorganization are as follows:

1. Both Hospital Districts are authorized to provide the same services within adjoining boundaries albeit the Sierra Valley Hospital District is no longer providing any services. This reorganization would allow the reorganized District to better meet the medical needs of its historically-related communities by providing a full compliment of Hospital services to the entire reorganized territory; and
2. The Eastern Plumas Hospital District currently operates the former Sierra Valley Hospital facility as a Skilled Nursing facility and operates an adjacent clinic under the EPHC license as well as stages ambulances in the Sierra Valley Hospital District territory; and
3. The reorganized District has adopted a plan for services signifying existing levels of service within the new territory will be uniform throughout current and proposed service area, which would allow:
 - a. Better utilization of resources.
 - b. The Reorganized District will continue providing the services currently provided by the Eastern Plumas Hospital District within the annexed territory of the Sierra Valley Hospital District as well as those powers enumerated in Division 23 (Hospital Districts) Chapter 2, Article 2 of the Health and Safety Code commencing with Section 32121.
 - c. Emergency services within the subject territory will not be affected.
 - d. Streamline operations for efficiency and administrative functions will occur.
 - e. The reorganized District may undertake improvements and upgrades to existing facilities, but those improvements and upgrades will not be required specifically due to the reorganization.
 - f. Enhance community participation in health care organizations and activities.

WHEREAS, the following agencies would be affected by the proposed jurisdictional changes:

1. Sierra Valley Hospital District
2. Eastern Plumas Hospital District; and

WHEREAS, it is desired to require that the proposed reorganization be subject to the following terms and conditions:

1. The successor district shall continue to be named the ~~%~~Eastern Plumas Hospital District~~;~~ and shall include all territory identified in Exhibit A (geographic description), and Exhibit B (map); and
2. The effective date of the reorganization shall be upon recordation of the Certificate of Completion by Plumas LAFCo; and
3. The sphere of influence for the Eastern Plumas Hospital District shall be amended

to be coterminous with the reorganized Sierra Valley Hospital District territory, described above; and

4. The Eastern Plumas Hospital District shall be the successor agency to all rights, responsibilities, properties, contracts, assets and liabilities, and functions of the Sierra Valley Hospital District with the exception of an outstanding bond, which shall remain the responsibility of the Sierra County Board of Supervisors, and any funds to which it succeeds may be expended and properly disposed of to carry out the provisions in Sections 32121 through 32137 of the Health and Safety Code; and
5. The successor agency (Eastern Plumas Hospital District) shall function under and carry out all authorized duties and responsibilities (powers) assigned to a Hospital District as outlined in the Division 23, Chapter 2, Article 2 of the Health & Safety Code, Hospital District Law (commencing with Section 32000 et seq.) and other applicable laws; and
6. All income, from property taxes or any other source (excepting the current Sierra Valley Hospital District's assessment/special tax, which shall remain with Sierra County), which has been a continuing right to tax distribution, or historical distribution or allocation of funds to the portion of the Sierra Valley Hospital District being annexed shall be distributed to the Eastern Plumas Hospital District; and
7. All previously authorized charges, fees, assessments, and/or taxes currently in effect, now levied or collected by each District, including improvement or assessment districts thereof, shall continue to be levied and collected by the successor Eastern Plumas Hospital District excepting the current Sierra Valley Hospital District assessment (tax), which shall continue to be collected by Sierra County; and
8. The Reorganized District may include two service zones, areas of benefit, and/or such other structure as may be determined necessary by the Eastern Plumas Hospital District Board of Directors to ensure that the debts and obligations of the respective Districts are borne within the territory of the Dissolved District which incurred the debt or obligation. If desired by the Board of Directors, any service zones, areas of benefit, or other structures shall correspond to the existing service territory of the annexed portion of the Sierra Valley Hospital District and Existing Eastern Plumas Hospital Districts; and
9. Indebtedness of each District shall remain the legal obligation of only the lands and areas which incurred such indebtedness; and
10. Reorganization of the Districts shall not change the rights of the lands in the respective Districts as they existed immediately prior to the reorganization; and
11. A Board Member from the Sierra Valley Hospital District Territory shall be initially seated on the Board of Directors for the Reorganized District as terms expire on the Reorganized district Board expire, all Board of Directors of the Eastern Plumas Hospital District (Reorganized) shall thereafter consist of five (5) members to be elected at large. All directors shall reside within the reorganized

Eastern Plumas Hospital District boundaries; and

12. The services to be provided by the reorganized District shall be provided in a manner consistent with the ~~Plan~~ Plan for Services+attached hereto as Exhibit C and incorporated herein.
13. The Sierra Valley Hospital District shall pay all Plumas Local Agency Formation Commission, Plumas County and State Board of Equalization Costs related to the LAFCo processing of this application.

WHEREAS, this proposal will be consistent with the amended sphere of influence for the District; it is proposed that the sphere of influence for the Eastern Plumas Hospital District be established coterminous with the new District boundaries; and

WHEREAS, the District assumed Lead Agency status for this project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) on behalf of the two component Districts; and

WHEREAS, the District has determined that this project is categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21084 and 14 CCR 15320(b) as a project determined not to have a significant effect on the environment; and

WHEREAS, this Board has determined that since majority of the members of each of the legislative bodies of the two local agencies are adopting substantially similar resolutions of application for this reorganization, the Resolution of Application meets the criteria for making determinations without notice and hearing, as set forth in Government Code Section 56853.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Directors of the Eastern Plumas Hospital District as follows:

SECTION 1. Adoption of Resolution of Application. This Resolution of Application is hereby adopted and approved, and the Plumas Local Agency Formation Commission is hereby requested to take proceedings for the reorganization of territory described in Exhibit A (geographic description) and Exhibit B (map) to annex a portion of the Sierra Valley Hospital District to the Eastern Plumas Hospital District and concurrently dissolve the Sierra Valley Hospital District according to the terms and conditions stated above and in the manner provided by the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000, Government Code Section 56000, et seq.

SECTION 2. Other Acts. The Officers and staff of the District are hereby authorized and directed, jointly and severally, to do any and all things, to execute and deliver any and all documents, which, in consultation with District Counsel, they may deem necessary or advisable in order to effectuate the purposes of this Resolution, and any and all such actions previously taken by such Officers or staff members are hereby ratified and confirmed.

SECTION 3. Effective Date. This Resolution shall take effect upon adoption.


PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Eastern Plumas Hospital District at a regular meeting thereof held on the day of ___June 28, 2018___, 2018, by the following vote:

AYES: Board Members: Skutt, Swanson, McGrath & Kreth

NOES: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: Board Member West



Chair
Eastern Plumas Hospital District

ATTESTED:



District Secretary

Attachments:

- Exhibit A, Geographic description of the Annexation territory
- Exhibit B, Map of proposed Annexation territory
- Exhibit C Plan for Services

CERTIFICATION

Lucie Kreth, Secretary of the EASTERN PLUMAS HOSPITAL DISTRICT, hereby certifies that the forgoing is a true and correct copy of Resolution No.: 259 which was adopted by the Board of Directors of the Eastern Plumas Hospital District at their regular meeting held, June 28, 2018, the original of which is on file in the office of the Eastern Plumas Hospital District.

Dated: June 28, 2018



Secretary

Exhibit C

Plan for Services Annexation of a portion of the Sierra Valley Hospital District to the Eastern Plumas Hospital District and Concurrent Dissolution of the Sierra Valley Hospital District

1. A description of the level and range of each service to be provided to the affected territory.

Following the proposed Reorganization (Consisting of an annexation of a portion of the Sierra Valley Hospital District and a dissolution of the Sierra Valley Hospital District), the reorganized district will continue providing the services currently provided by Eastern Plumas Hospital District within the annexed portion of the Sierra Valley Hospital District. These services include a rural health clinic, 24 hour ambulance services and skilled nursing facility services. The Reorganization will not affect the level or the range of services currently being provided.

2. An indication of when the service can be feasibly extended to the affected territory.

Since the level and range of services, and the territory in which they will be provided, will remain the same following the Reorganization, such services **will** continue to be provided without any break in service.

3. An identification of any improvement or upgrading of structures, road, water or sewer facilities, other infrastructure, or other conditions the affected agency would impose upon the affected territory.

The Reorganized District may undertake improvements and upgrades to existing facilities, but those improvements and upgrades will not be required specifically due to the Reorganization.

4. The estimated cost of extending the service and a description of how the service or required improvements will be financed. A discussion of the sufficiency of revenues for anticipated service extensions and operations is also required.

The total estimated cost of providing services within the area of the Reorganized District is zero, since the services are already being provided within the area.

5. Indicate any improvement or upgrading of structures, roads, sewers or water facilities, or other conditions the local agency would impose or require within the affected territory if the reorganization is completed.

The Eastern Plumas Hospital District does not anticipate affecting any of the above issues. Should the reorganized district determine to undertake any projects affecting the above issues, it will be required to utilize the same process of permit approval as any other public agency.

6. Provide information about how services will be financed.

Both the Sierra Valley and Eastern Plumas Hospital Districts currently receive property taxes based on an apportionment formula that is set by each county. The new district will continue to receive the same allocated property tax and will bill for medical services provided as it does currently to help offset public services and operational costs.