



BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING
AGENDA
THURSDAY, MARCH 9, 2017
SPECIAL SESSION 10:00 A.M.

ADMINISTRATION CONFERENCE ROOM
SONOMA VALLEY HOSPITAL
347 Andrieux Street, Sonoma, CA

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AGENDA ITEM	RECOMMENDATION	
<p>MISSION STATEMENT The mission of SVHCD is to maintain, improve, and restore the health of everyone in our community.</p>		
<p>1. CALL TO ORDER</p>	<i>Hirsch</i>	
<p>2. PUBLIC COMMENT SECTION <i>At this time, members of the public may comment on any item not appearing on the agenda. It is recommended that you keep your comments to three minutes or less. Under State Law, matters presented under this item cannot be discussed or acted upon by the Board at this time. For items appearing on the agenda, the public will be invited to make comments at the time the item comes up for Board consideration.</i></p>	<i>Hirsch</i>	
<p>3. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 333 PARCEL TAX</p>	<i>Hohorst</i>	Inform/Action
<p>4. ADJOURN</p>	<i>Hirsch</i>	

SONOMA VALLEY HEALTH CARE DISTRICT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

DRAFT RESOLUTION No. 333 PARCEL TAX

WHEREAS, Sonoma Valley Health Care District (the "District") has established the mission of serving the health needs of the Sonoma Valley community through Sonoma Valley Hospital; and

WHEREAS, following the Board's adoption of District Resolution No. 308, in October of 2011, the voters of the District overwhelmingly approved the imposition of a real estate parcel tax of \$195 per taxable parcel per year for five years to provide adequate funding to ensure continued local access to emergency room care, acute hospital care, and other health care services for residents of the District; and

WHEREAS, the current parcel tax expires on June 30, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the District, like most in California, is experiencing the impact of reduced reimbursement by Federal, State and private health insurance programs, along with the decreased census in inpatient care created by changing regulations, and

WHEREAS, the reimbursement revenue from Federal and State insurance programs for these services is below the cost of providing these services; and

WHEREAS, in Fiscal Year 2016, 74% of District services provided were to patients with Federal or State health insurance, and

WHEREAS, the District is authorized under Section 53730.01 of the California Government Code to impose special taxes uniformly on all real property within its boundaries (a parcel tax); and

WHEREAS, the District is not authorized to impose any tax other than a parcel tax to support Hospital operations.

WHEREAS, without the parcel tax revenues, the District's revenues do not provide adequate funding to ensure continued local access to hospital emergency room care, acute hospital care, and other hospital services for residents of the District; and

THEREFORE, WE RESOLVE that:

1. The District hereby proposes to renew the parcel tax, as authorized under Section 53730.01 of the California Government Code that it will use to ensure continued local access to hospital emergency room care, acute hospital care, and other hospital services for residents of

the District and it will not use the parcel tax for capital improvements, other than improvements made in connection with the day-to-day operational needs of the District.

2. The District hereby calls an election for June 6, 2017, to be held within the boundaries of the District, and requests the Board of Supervisors of the County of Sonoma (the "County") to consolidate that election with all other elections to be held on such date, on the measure set forth in Section 3.

3. The District hereby sets the full text of the measure to be placed on the ballot for the election of June 6, 2017, as follows:

The District will renew the parcel tax levy on each taxable parcel of land within the District, at an annual rate of up to \$250 per parcel for five (5) years.

The purpose of the parcel tax will be to supplement State and Federal insurance payments which are below the cost of providing hospital services in order to ensure continued local access to hospital emergency room care, acute hospital care, and other hospital services for residents of the District and visitors to the area.

The parcel tax will not be used for capital improvements other than improvements made in connection with the day-to-day operational needs of the District.

The District's appropriations limit will be established at an amount equal to the available funding during the first year of the parcel tax at the rate of \$250 per parcel.

The amount of money to be raised annually by the parcel tax levy is estimated to be \$3.8 million.

Taxable parcels are those that appear on the annual secured County property tax roll.

The following exemption will apply to the levy and collection of the parcel tax: with respect to multiple parcels that are contiguous and in the same ownership and that cannot be individually sold, leased (except for agricultural purposes) or financed, only one such parcel will be subject to the parcel tax.

The District will continue to employ its currently established administrative review process to grant exemptions and consider appeals with respect to contiguous parcels.

The parcel tax revenues will be deposited into a fund held by the County Treasurer.

The District will cause to be filed an annual report with its Board of Directors, commencing not later than January 1, 2018, and annually thereafter, which report will be for the year ended June 30 of the prior year and contain information regarding the amount of parcel tax revenues collected and expended.

4. The District hereby sets the abbreviated ballot form of the measure appearing in Section 3 as follows:

“Shall the Sonoma Valley Health Care District renew its expiring parcel tax for five years at up to \$250 per parcel per year, raising an estimated \$3.8 million annually, in order to assure the continued operation of the hospital emergency room, offset continuing reductions in reimbursements by Federal and State health insurance programs which are below the cost of providing hospital services and ensure the availability of acute hospital care and other hospital services at Sonoma Valley Hospital?”

5. The District hereby proposes to establish its appropriations limit under Article XIII B of the California Constitution at an amount equal to the amount of available funding for the first year of the parcel tax at the rate of \$250 per parcel. “Available funding” will have the same meaning under this Resolution as is given the term “proceeds of taxes” in Article XIII B of the California Constitution.

6. The County Tax Collector will collect the parcel tax at the same time that it collects the general and ad valorem taxes, and along with the collection of those taxes. The parcel tax will be subject to the same penalties as general and ad valorem taxes.

7. The District will impose the parcel tax only if two-thirds (2/3) of those voting approve it.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on March 8, 2017 by the following vote:

AYES: _____

NOES: _____

ABSENT: _____

ABSTAIN: _____

Jane Hirsch, Chair
SONOMA VALLEY HEALTH CARE
DISTRICT

ATTEST:

Bill Boerum, Secretary
SONOMA VALLEY HEALTH CARE
DISTRICT