

COAST LIFE SUPPORT DISTRICT

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AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

>>> 4:30 pm Monday, December 9, 2013 <<<

Elaine Jacobs Center

Gualala, CA

1. Call to Order Toedter
 2. Adoption of the Agenda
 3. Minutes Approval
 4. Privilege of the Floor – Public Comment
 5. Old Business – Information or Action
 - Resolution 221 Urgent Care Tax Increase - Action
 6. New Business
 7. Reports
 - Committee Reports
 - District Administrator
 - October A/R
 8. Other
 - General announcements
 9. Adjournment
- Scheduled Board of Director meetings (4:30 at Bill Platt Training Center unless otherwise noted):
 - o None scheduled



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Nov. 18th, 2013

Call to Order. President Tom Toedter called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. Present: Directors Randolph, Dodds, Perry, Schwartz, Rice, Provencher.

Adoption of the Agenda. Director Rice added the discussion of Diane Agee's grant proposal to Old Business. Director Schwartz moved to adopt the Agenda. Director Dodds second, all ayes.

Approval of November 7th, 2013 Board Minutes. It was noted under Reports that Diane Agree had informed the board of a grant proposal and there was no discussion or comments. Director Randolph moved to adopt the Minutes with that modification. Director Schwartz second, all ayes.

Privilege of the Floor: None

Old Business-Information or Action

- Urgent Care Reserves: It was noted by Director Perry that after the expense of the Camden Study and the possible election costs the UC reserves would be ~\$425K. Director Schwartz reminded the board that in past board discussions there had been a consensus to keep the UC monies in reserve. The Joint Executive Committee had discussed using part of the UC reserves to cover future contingencies for UC instead of having it built into the proposed tax measure. There was further discussion regarding use of the reserves for beginning expanded UC before July 1st if a UC tax measure passes.
- Urgent Care Tax Options: Director Perry presented a summary of the tax impact of a proposed Urgent Care Ballot Measure. The current 5x10, proposed 7x10 and proposed 7x12 options were discussed. RCMS statistics show that it is likely the same number of patients would be seen with either a 7x12 or 7x10 schedule. The board asked the DA to schedule a public hearing on Tuesday,

December 3rd, at 6 p.m. at the Gualala Community Center was made. Local citizen Scott Farmer from Timber Cove proposed the idea of exempting properties at far ends of the CLSD from the new tax.

- RCMS Grant Proposal: Diane Agee, CEO of RCMS, discussed formation of a three-way partnership joining CLSD, RCMS and Santa Rosa Memorial Hospital to pursue a healthcare planning grant. The board agreed and directed DA Foster to work with RCMS to develop a grant proposal.

New Business: None

Reports:

- The October 2013 Accounts Receivable Status report was included in the board packet. No write-offs were reported.

Other:

- General Announcements: President Toedter asked the board to plan for a spring strategic planning retreat. DA Foster to coordinate the dates.
- Director Schwartz requested the board to consider holding meetings in other areas of the District.
- A Public Hearing on a tax increase for Urgent Care will be held at the Gualala Community Center at 6:30 p.m. December 3, 2013.
Next Board Meetings: Monday, December 9th 2013, 4:30 p.m.

Adjournment. Director Provencher moved for adjournment, Director Perry second, all ayes. Meeting adjourned at 6:00 pm.

Minutes approved:

Date



MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Dec. 3rd, 2013

Call to Order. President Tom Toedter called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Present: Directors Randolph, Dodds, Perry, Schwartz, Rice, Provencher.

Adoption of the Agenda. Director Schwartz moved to adopt the Agenda, Director Rice second, all ayes.

Public Hearing on Urgent Care Tax Increase:

- Presentation of Issue: Director Perry presented the proposed tax measure explaining the geographical area of the CLSD, the fact that there is no current weekend urgent medical care and no hospital with an emergency room anywhere in the district. He explained the current contract with RCMS which provides limited urgent care weekdays during normal office hours. Expansion of urgent care clinic hours would require an increase to the property tax now levied for urgent care in the district.
- A Community Healthcare Task Force has been formed to solicit community opinion on urgent care options. A 12/7 and 10/7 model were discussed and the tax increase each would require. The CLSD Board of Directors is considering a tax measure election in April 2014.
- Members of the public raised the following issues:
 - Whether tax sources other than a parcel tax (e.g. sales or bed tax) had been considered.
 - Whether property owners at the ends of the District could be exempted because they are less likely to use UC.
 - Why cost projections assume a fixed number of patients for all hours-of-operation scenarios.
 - Whether a Critical Access Hospital is still being considered.

- Whether alternative delivery models (e.g. community paramedics) had been considered.
- Whether putting the measure forward in a June general election at lower cost is feasible.
- Whether the Camden review of RCMS cost projections included concurrence with the cost structure (e.g. full pay for on-call providers)
- Whether the community as a whole had an obligation to provide urgent care services to benefit a small number of users, similar to schools and fire protection.
- The Board will consider at its Dec. 9th meeting a proposal for Urgent Care coverage to be put on an April 2014 ballot. If approved by 2/3 of the voters, the new UC program would be in place when the current contract with RCMS expires June 30th, 2014.

Adjournment: Director Schwartz moved to adjourn the meeting. Director Rice second, all ayes. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Next Meeting: Monday, December 9th, 2013, at 4:30 in the Bill Platt Training Center.

Date

RESOLUTION NO. 221

Dated: December 9, 2013

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE COAST LIFE SUPPORT DISTRICT CALLING AN ELECTION ON AN ORDINANCE IMPOSING A SPECIAL TAX FOR EXPANSION OF THE AVAILABILITY OF URGENT MEDICAL CARE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY TWO-THIRDS OF THE VOTERS IN THE DISTRICT, RAISING THE DISTRICT'S SPENDING LIMIT TO ALLOW USE OF PROCEEDS OF THE TAX, AND REPEALING THE EXISTING SPECIAL TAX, AND ORDERING THE ELECTION CONSOLIDATED WITH THE STATE, COUNTY, OR LOCAL GENERAL ELECTION OF APRIL 8, 2014

WHEREAS, it is the mission of Coast Life Support District to provide and promote high quality healthcare services, facilities, emergency care and health education to all District residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, the Redwood Coast Medical Services had for more than 20 years provided 24 hours, 7 days per week urgent medical care services, however, due to their inability to continue to fund those services through community donations, stopped providing direct after hours urgent care services in 2009, and

WHEREAS, local residents are currently without local medical services 70% of the week; and

WHEREAS, the Redwood Coast Medical Services leadership has presented compelling evidence that the increase in the costs of assuring quality urgent medical care services has exceeded the combined tax and billing revenue available for remaining urgent care services now offered 30% of the week; and

WHEREAS, the Redwood Coast Medical Services has stated and that federal and state laws prohibits them from increasing their urgent care rates; and

WHEREAS, coastal residents are a three to four hour round trip driving time away from after hours urgent care treatment; and

WHEREAS, the District's Board of Directors believes there is sufficient demand in the community to expand the availability of urgent medical care to seven days per week; and ***(eliminate this paragraph if 5-day urgent care prevails)***

WHEREAS, the District's Board of Directors wishes to propose an ordinance authorizing a special tax to be voted upon by the voters of the District for the expansion of urgent medical care availability to **seven** days per week to replace the

existing special tax, and to raise the District's spending limit to allow use of the proceeds of the tax; and

WHEREAS, state law requires that proposed special taxes be submitted to the voters for their approval, and authorizes Districts to call elections for this purpose; and

WHEREAS, state law further requires that the proposed tax be approved by two-thirds of the District's Board members following a noticed, public hearing:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

(1) The Board finds and declares that the District has complied with all laws requiring notice of this action, and has held a public hearing as required by law.

(2) An ordinance authorizing a special tax shall be presented to the voters of the District, which ordinance shall be worded as follows:

SECTION I. PURPOSE AND INTENT

It is the purpose of this Ordinance to authorize the levy of a special tax on parcels of real property that are within the Coast Life Support District, established by Chapter 375, Statutes of 1986, in order to augment funding for expanding the availability for provision of urgent medical services.

This is a special tax within the meaning of Section 4 of Article XIII A of the California Constitution, and is being enacted pursuant to the authority and procedures of Chapter 375, Statutes of 1986 and Government Code Section 50077. This tax is based on the use or the right of use of each Assessor's parcel; and is based, to the extent practical, upon the costs of providing urgent medical care services associated with each parcel, its use and the improvements thereon. Since this tax is not an ad valorem tax, the exemptions contained in or authorized by Article XIII of the California Constitution shall not apply.

The taxes imposed by this Ordinance may be collected by the Counties on behalf of the District in the same manner and subject to the same penalty as other charges and taxes fixed and collected by the Counties.

The revenues raised by this tax are to be used solely for the purposes of obtaining, furnishing, operating and maintaining urgent medical care services, and for other necessary operating expenses of the District, consistent with Section 40 of Chapter 375, Statutes of 1986. (Coast Life Support District Act.)

SECTION II. SPECIAL TAX

The District's Board of Directors is authorized to levy a special tax within the boundaries of the Coast Life Support District each year, for the purposes stated in Section I, on each parcel of land shown on the respective County Assessor's parcel maps and carried on the County secured property tax rolls; provided, however, that such a special tax shall not be imposed upon a federal or state governmental agency or another local agency. This special tax shall be imposed in accordance with the following schedule.

The following are the special tax rates for the Coast Life Support District:

<u>Actual Land Use</u>	<u>Units of Benefit</u>
Undevelopable agricultural, timber, pasture, or waste land	0
Vacant Buildable Lot	1
Developed Lot	2

SECTION III. SPECIAL TAX LIMIT

The special tax authorized by this Ordinance shall not exceed **\$XX** per unit of benefit per year.

SECTION IV. REPORT AND HEARING

Each year prior to the imposition of said tax the District's Board of Directors shall cause a report to be prepared showing each parcel, the owner(s) thereof, and the proposed levy thereon. Upon the receipt of such report, the Board of Directors shall set a date for a hearing thereof and shall cause notice of such hearing to be posted at three (3) public places within the District, or, in lieu of posting, by mailing notice of hearing to each property owner at the address disclosed on the latest tax roll. At said hearing, the Board of Directors shall make such corrections to the taxes proposed to be levied as may be required to conform to the schedule as set forth above.

SECTION V. COLLECTION

The tax shall be collected in the same manner and subject to the same penalty as other property taxes collected by the Counties.

SECTION VI. APPROPRIATIONS LIMIT

The appropriations limit for the District shall be increased by the amount of the additional tax money raised by imposition of this tax.

SECTION VII. REPEAL OF EXISTING SPECIAL TAX

Upon the approval of this ordinance by two-thirds of the voters voting on this question, the existing special tax, limited to \$18.00 per unit of benefit per year, shall be repealed. The appropriation limit for the District shall be increased by the amount of the additional tax money raised by imposition of this tax, for the maximum period permitted by law.

SECTION VIII. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE

If any section, subsection, sentence, phrase or clause of this Ordinance s for any reason held to be invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance. The Directors of the District hereby declare that they would have adopted the Ordinance and each section thereof despite the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, phrases or clauses be declared invalid.

SECTION IX. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its confirmation by two-thirds of the voters in the District voting in an election to be held on April 8, 2014.

3) The Board hereby calls a special election for Tuesday, April 8, 2014, and directs that the foregoing proposition shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of the District at that election, in the following manner:

(a) There shall be included on the ballot to be marked by all qualified electors of the District, in addition to any other matters required by law, ballot language in substantially the following form:

Shall the Coast Life Support District adopt an ordinance (1) repealing the existing special tax of \$18.00 per unit of benefit; and (2) replacing it with authorizing a special tax not to exceed \$**XX** per unit of benefit for expansion of urgent medical care services availability, which charges shall be established by the Board of Directors of the District; and (3) raising the appropriations limit of the District to permit spending of the revenue raised by the tax?

Yes _____
No _____

(b) The ballot to be used at said election shall be both as to form and matter contained therein such as may be required by law.

(c) The County Clerks of Mendocino and Sonoma Counties are hereby authorized, instructed, and directed to provide and furnish any and all official ballots, notices, printed matter, and all supplies, equipment and paraphernalia that may be necessary to properly and lawfully conduct an election.

(d) The County Clerks of Mendocino and Sonoma Counties are hereby further directed to take the necessary and appropriate actions to provide the necessary election officers, polling places, and voting precincts.

(e) The polls of said election shall be open during the hours required by law, and said election with respect to the foregoing ballot measure shall be held and conducted as provided by law for the holding of district elections.

(f) Notice of time and place of holding said election, together with any other notices required by law, shall be given by the County Clerk.

(g) Arguments for and against the measure, and other analyses provided for by law, may be submitted in accordance with law.

(4) The Clerk of the Board is directed to forward a certified copy of this resolution to the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors, the Mendocino County Clerk, and the Mendocino County Registrar of Voters; as well as the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors, the Sonoma County Clerk, and the Sonoma County Registrar of Voters.

Aye/No

Toedter
Randolph
Rice
Schwartz
Dodds
Perry
Provencher

AYES _____ NOES _____ ABSENT _____ ABSTAIN _____

SO ORDERED

Tom Toedter, President

