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Board of Directors Mendocino Coast Health Care District P.O. Box 579 Fort Bragg, CA 95437

Dear MCHCD Directors:

I am writing, as the former MCHCD Chair for 2023, to recommend that you vote favorably to renew the Regional Government Services (RGS) contract to provide staff support to the District for another six (6) months that is before you at your regular June Board of Directors meeting on June 27, 2024.

Having operated as the Board Chair for a year without any staff support, I am painfully aware of how difficult it was to try to invent everything without any staff help and how much work was needed to keep moving forward toward the goals that we developed at our Board Retreat in July, 2023.

The recently published Grand Jury Report notes the progress being made with the assistance of RGS consulting staff. I have also observed the significant progress that has been made in the last few months towards untangling unnecessarily complicated financial practices. That the District should be able to fund the seismic upgrades required by state law in a timely manner without asking the voters for an additional bond measure is a huge relief. The Board is to be congratulated for having undone this Gordian knot so that you can now turn your attention to improvements needed for the hospital as well as to other health care projects that will serve the needs of the people of the District.

Thank you for your consideration,

Lee Finney

2023 Chair of the Board of Directors Mendocino Coast Health Care District