

MENDOCINO COAST HEALTH CARE DISTRICT  
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MEMORANDUM

TO: MCHCD Board of Directors

FROM: Paul Garza, Jr.

DATE: July 25, 2024

SUBJECT: Monthly Report

GRAND JURY REPORT

We are currently drafting a response to the Grand Jury report. Last month, I appointed Director Savage and myself to an Ad Hoc to lead the drafting of our response. Our District Manager, Ms. Kathy Wylie, has drafted several sections and we will continue our review.

Soon we intend to track the recommendations of the Grand Jury through a chart on our website that will indicate what we have completed, what we are working on and, items to which we have not yet responded. Our intent to provide full disclosure to our residents on our progress toward improving the functioning of our District.

FINANCIAL STATUS

Last fiscal year our District paid \$20,707.48 in banking fees. This fiscal year we anticipate there will pay NO banking fees. Additionally, the interest earnings on taxpayer dollars for the last \$2,038 a day or nearly \$750,000 per year. I will continue to report these earnings because managing taxpayer's funds for the greatest benefit for our community is our main job.

LEGISLATION

Senate Bill 1432 which as proposed would extend the date of seismic compliance for California hospitals to January 1, 2033 and provide other considerations including some additional potential funding for seismic compliance, passed out of the Assembly Health Committee on a vote of 14-0 recently and has gone to the floor. The California Legislature is now in recess and will reconvene in September. We will continue to monitor the progress of this important legislation.

CHAIR'S ADVISORY GROUP – HOSPITAL 2030

This group is reviewing several different options for expanding services, modernizing facilities and achieving the seismic retrofit. It is discussing options for improved access to outpatient services and to make the hospital operations profitable. Profitability of the hospital is our community's only guarantee that these vital services will remain.

