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LAFCO STAFF REPORT

AGENDA ITEM No. **8 (Action Item - Public Hearing)**

DATE OF MEETING: **March 19, 2020**

SUBJECT: **LAFCO Application 2020-02/Northern Inyo Hospital District
Extension of Services**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This application is a request for approval of an extension of services from the Northern Inyo Hospital District (NIHD) for services to be conducted within the Southern Inyo Hospital District (SIHD) boundary. These services are for the provision of medical services to include but limited to pediatrics and orthopedics. NIHD will lease a space(s) at the SIHD Rural Health Clinic located in Lone Pine to see patients. This area is outside the NIHD boundary and completely within SIHD's.

Government Code Section 56133(a) states that a city or district may provide new or extended services by contract or agreement outside of its jurisdictional boundary only if it first requests and receives written approval from the commission.

PROJECT INFORMATION:

Application: LAFCO Application No. 2019-02/Northern Inyo Hospital District
Applicant: Northern Inyo Hospital District
Landowner: Southern Inyo Hospital District
Location: Southern Inyo Hospital District
A.P.N.: N/A
Territory Size: N/A
Zoning: Administrative and Professional Offices (C3)
General Plan: Public Facility (PF)

Proposal: NIHD is requesting the approval of LAFCO for an extension services in the SIHD to provide medical services to include but not limited to pediatrics and orthopedics at the SIHD Rural Health building, located in Lone Pine and within the SIHD boundary. This request is consistent with an agreement between SIHD and NIHD.

Recommendation Staff is recommending the Inyo LAFCO approve the proposal by NIHD for the extension of services as it will result in the provision of services not conveniently available to people who live in the SIHD. Currently these services can only be

obtained in the City of Bishop, which is a long distance for people who live within the SIHD boundary.

Action: *Adopt the Resolution* of the Commission making findings and approving the extension of services by NIHD into the SIHD territory.

Alternatives: *Do not approve the* extension of services. This is not recommended as these services not currently available within the SIHD boundary for people who require them.

Project Planner: Cathreen Richards

ANALYSIS:

The NIHD and SIHD worked out a mutually beneficial agreement for NIHD to provide medical services within the SIHD boundary. The proposed medical services include but are not limited to pediatrics and orthopedics. The SIHD territory covers close to 6,000-square-miles and includes several small communities located long distances to certain medical services that are only located in the City of Bishop. The furthest of these communities is Pearsonville at about 115-miles from Bishop and the closest, Independence, is about 45-miles. SIHD is in support of and agreed to the extension of services by NIHD in a letter dated February 13, 2020. NIHD is now asking LAFCO for approval.

Government Code Section 56133 provides for LAFCO consideration of the extension services by a city or district. Specifically, Section 56133 (a) provides:

"A city or district may provide new or extended services by contract or agreement outside its jurisdictional boundary only if it first requests and receives written approval from the commission."

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

The out of area service agreement is exempt from CEQA pursuant to a Class 1 Categorical Exemption (CEQA Guidelines Section 15301- Existing Facilities).

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Commission approve the proposed out of area service agreement by adopting the attached resolution entitled "A Resolution of the Inyo Local Agency Formation Commission Making Determinations and Approving the Agreement Between the NIHD and SHID.

Attachments:

- Agreement between the NIHD and SIHD.
- Draft LAFCO Resolution.

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- Agreement from SIHD for NIHD services
- Draft LAFCO Resolution

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02/13/2020

Local Agency Formation Commission
Attn: Cathreen Richards
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Dear Cathreen Richards,

Please accept this letter as Southern Inyo Healthcare District's support and agreement of Northern Inyo Healthcare District's request to provide the stated services:

NIHD will sublease space in SIHD Rural Health Clinic building for the provision of medical services including but not limited to pediatrics and orthopedics.

If you should have any questions feel free to contact the Administration Office at (760) 876-2210.

Best Regards,



Peter Spiers, Ph.D.
Chief Executive Officer

**BEFORE THE LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION,
COUNTY OF INYO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA:**

RESOLUTION No. 2020-02/ NORTHERN INYO HOSPITAL DISTRICT

**A RESOLUTION OF THE INYO LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION
MAKING DETERMINATIONS AND APPROVING LAFCO APPLICATION No. 2020-
02/NORTHERN INYO HOSPITAL DISTRICT SERVICE EXTENSION AND THE
AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE NORTHERN INYO HOSPITAL DISTRICT AND THE
SHOUTHERN INYO HOSPITAL DISTRICT**

Resolved, by the Inyo County Local Agency Formation Commission, that

WHEREAS, Government Code Section 56133 provides a district or city may provide new or extended services by contract or agreement only if it first requests and receives written approval by the local agency formation commission in the affected county; and

WHEREAS, on February 11, 2020 an application for approval of a service extension contract between the Northern Inyo Hospital District (NIHD) and the Southern Inyo Hospital District (SIHD) was filed with the Executive Officer of the Inyo County Local Agency Formation Commission pursuant to Title 5, Division 3, commencing with Section 56000 of the California Government Code; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Officer has reviewed the Agreement between NIHD and SIHD for medical services including but not limited to pediatrics and orthopedics to be conducted at the SIHD Rural Health Clinic, located in Lone Pine California, and found said agreement to be in compliance with the requirements of Government Code Section 56133; and

WHEREAS, the Inyo LAFCO is the lead agency for determining compliance of this project with the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970, as amended, and has found said project to be exempt from the requirements of CEQA; and

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2020 this Commission considered the report of the Executive Officer, including her recommendation thereon, public comment, and all other evidence presented with respect to this proposal; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Inyo Local Agency Formation Commission does approve LAFCO Application No. 2020-02/Northern Inyo Hospital District for Medical Services, including but not limited to pediatrics and orthopedics within the boundary of SIHD; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Executive Officer is hereby authorized and directed to mail certified copies of this Resolution to the NIHD and SIHD.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 19th day of March, 2020.

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Chairperson
Inyo Local Agency Formation Commission

ATTEST:

Executive Officer
Inyo Local Agency Formation Commission