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## LAFCO STAFF REPORT

**AGENDA ITEM No.**            **7 (Action Item - Public Hearing)**

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

**SUBJECT:**                    **LAFCO Application 2020-01/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 rehabilitation services that include: occupational therapy, physical therapy and speech pathology to students who reside in the Southern Inyo Hospital District (SIHD). These services are intended to be performed at the Owens Valley School (OVS) located in Independence and the SIHD is currently unable to provide them. 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. Staff is recommending the Inyo LAFCO approve the proposal by NIHD for the extension of services as it will result in the provision of necessary services to students who attend the Owens Valley School.

### PROJECT INFORMATION:

**Application:**                LAFCO Application No. 2019-02/Northern Inyo Hospital District  
**Applicant:**                 Northern Inyo Hospital District  
**Landowner:**                Owens Valley School District  
**Location:**                  Southern Inyo Hospital District  
**A.P.N.:**                        N/A  
**Territory Size:**             N/A  
**Zoning:**                      Public (P)  
**General Plan:**                Public Facility (PF)

**Proposal:**                  NIHD is requesting the approval of LAFCO for an extension services in the SIHD to provide rehabilitation services to students that attend the Owens Valley School, located within the SIHD boundary, consistent with an agreement from SIHD and with the Owens Valley School District.

**Recommendation** Staff is recommending the Inyo LAFCO approve the proposal by NIHD for the extension of services into SIHD's boundary as it will result in the provision of necessary services to students who attend the Owens Valley School.

**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 are vital to the students in the SIHD who require them.

**Project Planner:** Cathreen Richards

### **ANALYSIS:**

The NIHD was approached by the Owens Valley School superintendent inquiring if the District could provide rehabilitation services to OVS students. These rehabilitation services include: occupational and physical therapy and speech pathology. NIHD agreed to provide the services to OVS on the condition that SIHD supported it and that NIHD could get approval from LAFCO. NIHD then asked SIHD if they would agree to the extension of services into their territory. SIHD answered in support and agreed to the extension of services by NIHD in a letter dated July 18, 2019. 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 from SIHD for NIHD services
- Draft LAFCO Resolution

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RE: Support for Northern Inyo Healthcare District to Provide Services within Southern Inyo Healthcare District Boundaries

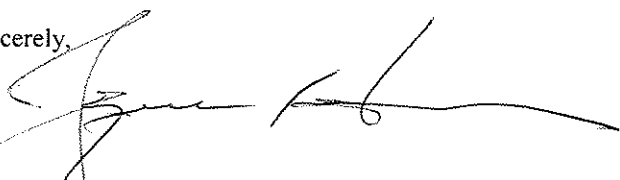
To Whom It May Concern:

Please accept this letter as formal support for Northern Inyo Healthcare District's request to provide Rehabilitation Services (Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy & Speech Pathology) to the students within Southern Inyo Healthcare District. We are pleased to partner with Northern Inyo Healthcare District to meet the needs of our students.

Additionally, we welcome a partnership with Northern Inyo Healthcare District for the delivery of pediatric care to the youth of Southern Inyo Healthcare District. While Southern Inyo Healthcare District currently provides care to children through our Family Medicine service; having a partnership with Northern Inyo Healthcare District specialty trained providers to support our team is clearly in the best interest of the patients we serve.

In closing we wish to be clear, we welcome Northern Inyo Healthcare District as a partner with the full understanding that as Southern Inyo Healthcare District expands services Northern Inyo Healthcare District will withdraw any approved service once it is available directly through Southern Inyo Healthcare District.

Sincerely,

  
Jaque Hickman  
Board of Directors Southern Inyo Healthcare District

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

**RESOLUTION No. 2020-01/ NORTHERN INYO HOSPITAL DISTRICT**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE INYO LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION  
MAKING DETERMINATIONS AND APPROVING LAFCO APPLICATION No. 2020-  
01/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 November 8, 2019 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 rehabilitation services to include occupational and physical therapy and speech pathology at the Owens Valley School, located in Independence, 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. 2020-01/Northern Inyo Hospital District for Rehabilitation Services in 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:

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Chairperson  
Inyo Local Agency Formation Commission

ATTEST: 

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Executive Officer  
Inyo Local Agency Formation Commission