

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION AND
NOTICE OF SOUTHERN HUMBOLDT COMMUNITY HEALTHCARE DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE GARBERVILLE COMMUNITY
HOSPITAL AND MEDICAL OFFICE BUILDING PROJECT**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the State of California Public Resources Code and Section 15072 of the State Guidelines for Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the Southern Humboldt Community Healthcare District (District) hereby gives notice to responsible agencies, trustee agencies, interested parties, and the general public that the District intends to adopt Initial Study and Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the Garberville Community Hospital and Medical Office Building Project. The Southern Humboldt Community Healthcare District Board of Directors will consider and make a decision on the adequacy of the IS/MND and the merits of the proposed project.

PROJECT TITLE: Garberville Community Hospital and Medical Office Building Project

PROJECT LOCATION: The subject site comprises six (6) individual Assessor's parcels (APNs: 032-091-014, 032-091-016 through -019, and 032-171-019), in addition to an approximately 5,493-square-foot portion of the shoulder, totaling approximately 3.52 acres in size, and is generally located at 286 Sprowel Creek Road in Garberville, within unincorporated Humboldt County, California (Site). The Site is located west of Garberville proper and Highway 101.

DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT: The District is proposing the construction of a new hospital and medical office building and a helistop on the properties identified above along Sprowel Creek Road. The new hospital and medical office building, to be located on the central portion of the largest project parcel (APN 032-091-014; 2.95 acres) would replace the existing Jerold Phelps Community Hospital and Southern Humboldt Community Clinic, currently located at 733 Cedar Street and 509 Elm Street in Garberville, approximately 1,690 feet northeast of the Site. (The existing Skilled Nursing Unit will remain at the existing hospital site). A helistop is proposed south of the new building for the transport of emergent patients and for training for EMS and fire department personnel. The six individual parcels and portion of the shoulder which comprise the project site are located adjacent to Highway 101 and are currently under the ownership of the District.

MEETING DATE/TIME: November 20, 2025, at 1:30 p.m.

MEETING LOCATION: Sprowel Creek Campus, 286 Sprowel Creek Road, Room 106, Garberville, CA, 95542, and via video conference.

The meeting agenda will be posted at the following link: <https://sohumhealth.org/about/governing-board/>, or you may contact the Board Secretary at boardcomments@shchd.org or (707) 923-3921 ext. 1276 to be sent a copy of the agenda, including call-in number and Webex meeting link.

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WHAT WILL HAPPEN: The Southern Humboldt Community Healthcare District Board of Directors will receive a staff presentation, consider public comments, and decide to either adopt, not adopt, or modify the IS/MND.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE: A 30-day public review period will extend from October 13, 2025, to November 13, 2025. The IS/MND will be available for public review at the following locations:

- Online:
 - Governor's Office and Planning and Research (OPR) CEQAnet Web Portal: <https://ceqanet.opr.ca.gov/>
 - District Website: <https://sohumhealth.org/ceqa-notice/>
- In Person:
 - Southern Humboldt Community Clinic
291 Sprowel Creek Road, Garberville, CA 95542
(Available Monday through Friday, 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM)

Please e-mail any comments on the IS/MND by 5:00 PM on November 13, 2025, to Kent Scown, Chief Operating Officer, at kscown@shchd.org. Comments may also be sent via mail to: Southern Humboldt Community Clinic, Attn: Kent Scown, COO, 733 Cedar Street, Garberville, CA, 95542.