

MEETING NOTICE

Governing Board

A Special meeting of the Board of Directors of the Southern Humboldt Community Healthcare District will be held on December 4, 2025, at 1:30 p.m., by teleconference and in person. Members of the public may participate virtually via Webex or telephone, or appear in person at the Sprowel Creek Campus at 286 Sprowel Creek Road, Garberville, California 95542.

Call-In Information:

Tap to join from a mobile device (attendees only) [+1-415-655-0001](tel:+14156550001), [26601443688##](tel:+14156550001) US Toll

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Webex Link

Written comments may also be sent to boardcomments@shchd.org. Comments received no later than two hours prior to the start of the meeting will be provided to the Board or may be read aloud or summarized during the meeting. Members of the public may also comment in real-time during the meeting by attending in person or via Webex or phone.

Agenda

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Item

- A. Call to Order for Open Session
- B. approval of the Teleconferencing of a Board Member
- C. Approval of the Agenda
- D. Public Comment on Non-Agendized Items
See below for Public Comment Guidelines
- E. Board Member Comments
Board members are invited to address issues not on the agenda and to submit items within the subject jurisdiction of the Board for future consideration. Please limit individual comments to three minutes.
- F. Announcements

G. New Business

1. Resolution 25:07 - Adoption of Mitigated Negative Declaration

H. Adjourn

Abbreviations

<i>ACHD</i>	Association of California Healthcare Districts	<i>ACLS</i>	Advanced Cardiac Life Support Certification
<i>AR</i>	Accounts Receivable	<i>BLS</i>	Basic Life Support Certification
<i>CAIR</i>	California Immunization Registry	<i>CEO</i>	Chief Executive Officer
<i>CFO</i>	Chief Financial Officer	<i>CMS</i>	Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services
<i>CNO</i>	Chief Nursing Officer	<i>COO</i>	Chief Operating Officer
<i>CPHQ</i>	Certified Professional in Healthcare Quality	<i>COO</i>	Chief Quality Officer
<i>EMR</i>	Electronic medical record	<i>ER</i>	Emergency Room
<i>FTE</i>	Full Time Equivalent/Full Time Employee	<i>HIM</i>	Health Information Management
<i>HRG</i>	Healthcare Resource Group	<i>HVAC</i>	Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning system
<i>IGT</i>	Intergovernmental transfer	<i>IT</i>	Information Technology
<i>JPCH</i>	Jerold Phelps Community Hospital	<i>LCSW</i>	Licensed Clinical Social Worker
<i>LVN</i>	Licensed Vocational Nurse	<i>MPH</i>	Master of Public Health
<i>OBS</i>	Observation	<i>PALS</i>	Pediatric Advanced Life Support Certification
<i>PFS</i>	Patient Financial Services	<i>QAPI</i>	Quality Assurance Performance Improvement
<i>QIP</i>	Quality Improvement Project/Program	<i>RN</i>	Registered Nurse
<i>SHCC</i>	Southern Humboldt Community Clinic	<i>SHCHD</i>	Southern Humboldt Community Healthcare District
<i>SNF</i>	Skilled Nursing Facility	<i>SWG</i>	Swing beds
<i>DO</i>	Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine		

PUBLIC COMMENT ON MATTERS NOT ON THE MEETING AGENDA: Members of the public are welcome to address the Board on items not listed on the agenda and within the jurisdiction of the Board of Directors. The Board is prohibited by law from taking action on matters not on the agenda, but may ask questions to clarify the speaker's comment and/or briefly answer questions. The Board limits testimony on matters not on the agenda to three minutes per person and not more than ten minutes for a particular subject, at the discretion of the Chair of the Board.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON MATTERS THAT ARE ON THE AGENDA: Individuals wishing to address the Board regarding items on the agenda may do so after the Board has completed their initial discussion of the item and before the matter is voted on, so that the Board may have the benefit of these comments before making their decision. Please remember that it is the Board's responsibility to discuss matters thoroughly amongst themselves and that, because of Brown Act constraints, the Board meeting is their only opportunity to do so. Comments are limited to three minutes per person per agenda item, at the discretion of the Chair of the Board.

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES FOR PUBLIC COMMENT: Members of the public are encouraged to submit written comments to the Board at any time by writing to SHCHD Board of Directors, 733 Cedar Street, Garberville, CA 95542. Writers who identify themselves may, at their discretion, ask that their comments be shared publicly. All other comments shall be kept confidential to the Board and appropriate staff.

IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT, if you require special accommodations to participate in a District meeting, please contact the District Clerk at 707-923-3921, ext. 1276 at least 48 hours prior to the meeting."

**Times are estimated*

COPIES OF OPEN SESSION AGENDA ITEMS: Members of the public are welcome to see and obtain copies of the open session regular meeting documents by contacting SHCHD Administration at (707) 923-3921 ext. 1276 or stopping by 291 Sprowel Creek Rd, Garberville, CA 95542 during regular business hours. Copies may also be obtained on the District's website, sohumhealth.org.

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Southern Humboldt Community Healthcare District

GOVERNING BOARD RESOLUTION 25:07

Adopting an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP) for the Garberville Community Hospital and Medical Office Building Project

WHEREAS, the Southern Humboldt Community Hospital District (SHCHD) Board of Directors proposes to develop a new Garberville Community Hospital and Medical Office Building (Project) in order to comply with the Alfred E. Alquist Hospital Facilities Seismic Safety Act of 1983, and amended under Senate Bill (SB) 1953 in 1994, which mandates owners of all acute care inpatient hospitals to “demolish, replace, or change to nonhospital use, all hospital buildings that are not in substantial compliance, or seismically retrofit them so that they are in compliance with the [seismic] standards” before January 1, 2030; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Project would be on the properties identified as Assessor’s Parcel Numbers (APNs): 032-091-014, -016, -017, -018, -019, and 032-171-019 (Site), totaling approximately 3.52 acres and generally located at 286 Sprowel Creek Road in the unincorporated community of Garberville in Humboldt County, California. 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 (APNs: 032-011-015, 032-011-027, 032-133-002, 032-133-003, and 032-134-009) in Garberville, approximately 1,690 feet northeast of the Site. The helistop is proposed directly south of APN: 032-091-014 on three adjacent parcels (APNs: 032-091-016, -018, and -019), which total approximately 0.14 acres in size. APNs: 032-091-017 and 032-171-019 will provide additional setbacks and security control for the helistop. Following completion of the project, the existing Skilled Nursing Unit will remain at the existing hospital facility located on Cedar Street; and

WHEREAS, the SHCHD prepared an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the proposed Project consistent with California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines §15063; and

WHEREAS, the IS/MND was circulated for public review from October 13, 2025, to December 3, 2025, and State review from October 13ss, 2025, to December 3, 2025 (State Clearinghouse No. 2025100529); and

WHEREAS, the SHCHD received two written comments during the public and State review process, and the SHCHD has considered the comments received; and

WHEREAS, the SHCHD revised the IS/MND in response to the comments received during the public and State review process; and

WHEREAS, revisions to the IS/MND were in response to written comments on the Project's impacts identified in the IS/MND and are not new avoidable significant impacts, and therefore are not considered substantial revisions, in accordance with CEQA Guidelines §15073.5, recirculation is not required; and

WHEREAS, a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP), attached hereto as Exhibit A, has been prepared based upon the IS/MND, consistent with the requirements of Public Resources Code Section 21081.6, the MMRP lists all mitigations measures and is designed to ensure compliance during project implementation; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to CEQA Guidelines §15074, all documents and files which constitute the record of all proceedings upon which the decisions associated with the Project are on file with the SHCHD; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with applicable provision of law, the SHCHD Board of Directors held a public hearing on December 4, 2025, at which time the SHCHD Board of Directors heard and received all relevant testimony and evidence presented orally or in writing regarding the Project. All interested persons were given an opportunity to hear and be heard regarding the Project; and

WHEREAS, the SHCHD Board of Directors has reviewed this Resolution and finds that it accurately sets forth the intentions of the SHCHD Board of Directors regarding the Project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the SHCHD Board of Directors make the following findings:

1. The IS/MND has been properly prepared and circulated for public review in accordance with CEQA; and
2. The SHCHD has reviewed the IS/MND and considered the document and all comments received before making a decision of the Project; and
3. On the basis on the whole record before it, including the IS/MND and comments received therein, the SHCHD Board of Directors finds that there will be no significant environmental effects resulting from the Project, provided that mitigation measures in the IS/MND are incorporated into the Project; and
4. The IS/MND reflects the SHCHD Board of Director's independent judgement and analysis of the potential environmental effects of the Project; and
5. The Project has been processed in accordance with the applicable provisions of CEQA. All noticing and review periods required by CEQA have been satisfied.

Be it Further Resolved, that the SHCHD hereby adopts the IS/MND and adopts the MMRP attached hereto as Exhibit A.

ADOPTED 4th of December 2025, by the Board of Directors of the Southern Humboldt Community

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ADOPTION OF MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

healthcare District, by the following vote:

Ayes: _____

Noes: _____

Abstain: _____

Absent: _____

Witnessed by: Kevin Church, President

Witnessed by: Corinne Stromstad, Vice-President/Secretary

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Exhibit A

Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program

MITIGATION MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM

Public Resources Code, Section 21081.6 (Assembly Bill 3180) requires that mitigation measures identified in environmental review documents prepared in accordance with California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) are implemented after a project is approved. Therefore, this Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP) has been prepared to ensure compliance with the adopted mitigation measures during the implementation of the Garberville Community Hospital and Medical Office Building Project. The Southern Humboldt Community Healthcare District (SHCHD) is the agency responsible for implementation of the mitigation measures identified in the Initial Study.

This MMRP provides the SHCHD with a convenient mechanism for quickly reviewing all the mitigation measures including the ability to focus on select information such as timing. The MMRP includes the following information for each mitigation measure:

- The phase of the project during which the required mitigation measure must be implemented;
- The phase of the project during which the required mitigation measure must be monitored;
- The enforcement agency; and
- The level of significance after mitigation.

The MMRP includes a checklist to be used during the mitigation monitoring period. The checklist will verify the name of the monitor and the date of the monitoring activity.

Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program						
Mitigation Measure	Implementation Phase	Monitoring Phase	Enforcement Agency	Level of Significance After Mitigation	Verification of Compliance	
					Initial	Date
Aesthetics						
AES-1: The project shall utilize and incorporate materials and building techniques to minimize impacts from street and building lighting on day and nighttime views, including the use of: hooded flood lights to prevent off-site light pollution; low reflectivity building materials, treated windows, and muted colors to limit daytime glare; and exterior landscaping to shade buildings and decrease reflectivity to neighboring development and Highway 101.	Project Design and Construction	Project Construction	SHCHD and Humboldt County Building Division	Less Than Significant		
Biological Resources						
BIO-1: Construction activities including vegetation and tree removal shall be conducted in the non-nesting season (August 1-February 1). If any removal of heavy vegetation (including trees) is proposed during the nesting season, within seven (7) days prior to vegetation removal or construction activities, a qualified biologist shall determine the presence of vulnerable nests (within 100 feet for passerines and 300 feet for raptors). Any active nests within the above-mentioned distances shall be allowed to complete their nesting or until the biologist determines that they are no longer active before removal.	Project Construction	Project Construction	SHCHD and Qualified Biologist	Less Than Significant		
BIO-2: Tree removal may have potential to impact non-maternity roosting pallid or fringed myotis bats, as well as other common bat species that may be present on-site. As such, any felled trees shall be left overnight prior to removal from the Site or on-site chipping to allow any bats to exit the roost. A dusk emergence survey shall be performed by a qualified biologist any time within the maternity season (April 15 to September 1) prior to construction activities. If maternity roosting of any special status bat is identified, the roost shall be avoided until after September 15. If the roost is not a solitary roost, replacement of the maternity roost shall be provided.	Project Construction	Project Construction	SHCHD and Qualified Biologist	Less Than Significant		
Cultural Resources						
CUL-1: If archaeological resources are encountered during construction, work shall be temporarily halted in the vicinity of the discovered materials and a qualified archaeologist and the local tribes (Bear River Band of the Rohnerville Rancheria, Big Lagoon Rancheria, Hoopa Valley Tribe, Round	Project Construction	Project Construction	SHCHD, Qualified Archaeologist, and THPOs	Less Than Significant		

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Valley Reservation/Covelo Indian Community, and Sinkyone Tribe) shall be immediately contacted. Workers shall avoid altering the materials and their context until a qualified professional archaeologist, in collaboration with the local tribes, has evaluated the situation and provided appropriate recommendations. Project personnel shall not collect cultural resources. [Native American resources include chert or obsidian flakes, projectile points, mortars, and pestles; and dark friable soil containing shell and bone dietary debris, heat-affected rock, or human burials. Historic-period resources include stone or adobe foundations or walls; structures and remains with square nails; and refuse deposits or bottle dumps, often located in old wells or privies.]						
CUL-2: If human remains are encountered on-site, all work must stop in the immediate vicinity of the discovered remains and the County Coroner and a qualified archaeologist must be notified immediately so that an evaluation can be performed. If the remains are deemed to be Native American and prehistoric, the Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC) must be contacted by the Coroner so that a "Most Likely Descendant" can be designated and further recommendations regarding treatment of the remains is provided.	Project Construction	Project Construction	SHCHD, Humboldt County Coroner, Qualified Archaeologist, NAHC, and THPOs	Less Than Significant		
CUL-3: Any identified cultural resources shall be recorded on DPR 523 historic resource recordation forms, available online from the Office of Historic Preservation's website: http://ohp.parks.ca.gov/default.asp?page_id=1069 .	Project Construction	Project Construction	SHCHD and Qualified Archaeologist	Less Than Significant		
Geology and Soils						
GEO-1: In the event that fossils or fossil-bearing deposits are discovered during project construction, the contractor shall notify a qualified paleontologist to examine the discovery and excavations within 50 feet of the find shall be temporarily halted or diverted. The area of discovery shall be protected to ensure that fossil are not removed, handled, altered, or damaged until the Site is properly evaluated and further action is determined. The paleontologist shall document the discovery as needed, in accordance with Society of Vertebrate Paleontology standards	Project Construction	Project Construction	SHCHD and Qualified Paleontologist	Less Than Significant		

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(Society of Vertebrate Paleontology 1995), evaluate the potential resource, and assess the significance of the finding under the criteria set forth in CEQA Guidelines Section 15064.5. The paleontologist shall notify the appropriate agencies to determine procedures that would be followed before construction is allowed to resume at the location of the find. If the project proponent determines that avoidance is not feasible, the paleontologist shall prepare an excavation plan for mitigating the effect of the project based on the qualities that make the resource important. The plan shall be submitted to the Board of Directors for review and approval prior to implementation.						
Hazards and Hazardous Materials						
HAZ-1: Leaks, drips, and spills of hydraulic fluid, oil, or fuel from construction equipment and emergency vehicles (including ambulance and helicopter) shall be promptly cleaned up to prevent environmental contamination, including contamination of waterways. All workers shall be properly trained in the prevention and clean-up of spills of contaminants. Protective measures shall include the following: 1. No discharge of pollutants from vehicle and equipment cleaning shall be allowed into any drainage ditches or watercourses. 2. Spill containment kits shall be properly maintained and located within the vicinity of all operations and fueling of equipment.	Project Construction	Project Construction	SHCHD	Less Than Significant		
Noise						
NOISE-1: Implementation of the following measures are required during the duration of the project construction period to reduce potential noise impacts on the nearby sensitive receptors: • Construction noise and vibration shall be limited through operational standards. Construction activities shall be limited to between the hours of 7:00AM and 6:00PM Monday through Sunday. • Neighboring landowners shall be notified of the anticipated construction schedule prior to commencement of construction activities. • Properly muffle and maintain all construction equipment.	Project Construction	Project Construction	SHCHD	Less Than Significant		

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- Prohibit unnecessary idling of internal combustion engines by limiting idling to 5 minutes, per State idling restrictions. - Locate all stationary noise-generating construction equipment, such as air compressors, as far as practical from existing nearby residences and other noise-sensitive land uses. Designate a "construction noise disturbance coordinator" to be responsible for responding to any local complaints about construction noise. The disturbance coordinator would determine the cause of the noise complaint (e.g., starting too early, bad muffler, etc.) and would require that reasonable measures to correct the problem be implemented. Conspicuously post a telephone number for the disturbance coordinator at the construction site and include it in the notice sent to neighbors regarding the construction schedule.						
Tribal Cultural Resources						
See Mitigation Measures CUL-1 through CUL-3.	Project Construction	Project Construction	SHCHD, Humboldt County Coroner, Qualified Archaeologist, NAHC, and THPOs	Less Than Significant		