



CONTRA COSTA COUNTY CIVIL GRAND JURY REPORT NO. 1802

"Los Medanos Community Healthcare District"

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' RESPONSE

FINDINGS – *California Penal Code Section 933.5(a) requires a response to the designated findings of the Grand Jury.*

- F5. As the County already has a grant administration program in place, and has some of the same grantees as the District, there is potential for administrative cost savings through elimination of redundancies.**

Response: Agree.

RECOMMENDATIONS - *California Penal Code Section 933.05(b) requires a response to the designated recommendations of the Grand Jury.*

- R2. The Board of Supervisors should consider maintaining grant funding levels for healthcare programs upon dissolution of LMCHD.**

Response: The recommendation has been implemented. County Resolution No. 2018/218, in part, requests the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) to impose certain terms and conditions (Attachment B to Resolution No. 2018/218) on the County, as successor to the Los Medanos Community Healthcare District (the District), should LAFCO approve the application for dissolution of the District as proposed. Specifically, the County is recommending that LAFCO impose the following condition upon the County as successor to the District:

"Grant Program. From and after the Effective Date, the County shall develop and conduct a grant program within the Subject Territory that is focused on comprehensive health related services. The grant program is to be funded by the ad valorem property tax revenue received by the County as a result of the dissolution of the District and any other funds made available to the grant program. In conducting the grant program within the Subject Territory, the County Board of Supervisors will rely on evidence-based research and input from the Los Medanos Health Advisory Committee, discussed below."

The County intends to maintain, improve and expand the grant program currently in place within the District.

R3. The Board of Supervisors should consider using any savings from LMCHD dissolution to improve and expand healthcare programs once appointed as the successor to LMCHD.

Response: **This recommendation has been implemented.** As discussed above, the County has adopted proposed terms and conditions that it will be asking LAFCO to impose on the County as successor to the District, including a condition requiring development of a grant program to be administered for the benefit of the community within the District boundaries. In addition, the County is requesting a condition that the County form an advisory body composed of community members and healthcare professionals tasked with carrying out the grant program outlined above. Specifically, the County is requesting the following condition be adopted by LAFCO:

"Formation of the Los Medanos Health Advisory Committee. Prior to the Effective Date, the County Board of Supervisors shall (i) form a Los Medanos Health Advisory Committee that reports directly to the County Board of Supervisors to identify major health disparities that impact residents within the Subject Territory and to make recommendations to the County Board of Supervisors for funding grants that are used within the Subject Territory for programs that are known, on the basis of established research, to improve health, and (ii) appoint five members to the Los Medanos Health Advisory Committee effective upon the Effective Date."

The Los Medanos Health Advisory Committee (Committee) has been established by this Board, contingent upon the dissolution of the District, by adoption of County Resolution No. 2018/436.

The County proposal will result in an improvement to healthcare programs through the collaboration of both community members and healthcare professionals on the Committee in the grant allocation process, the development and identification of major health disparities within the District boundaries and the reliance on established research in the development of recommendations for allocation of financial resources.

The County proposal will result in an expansion of financial resources available following dissolution due to the elimination of the general administrative overhead of the District, identified as 51% by the Civil Grand Jury in this Report with the net savings from the dissolution to be allocated to the grant program.