

## **PALOMAR POMERADO HEALTH**

### **RESOLUTION NO. 12.06.05 (03) - 26**

#### **RESOLUTION OF APPROVAL FOR NEW PALOMAR MEDICAL CENTER PROJECT**

**Whereas**, the Palomar Pomerado Healthcare District (“District”) has prepared a Facilities Master Plan for the repair, replacement and expansion of health care facilities to meet the needs of Palomar Pomerado Healthcare participants through the year 2030;

**Whereas**, one objective of the Facilities Master Plan is to improve and expand the total combined number of patient beds in all Palomar Pomerado Healthcare hospital facilities by approximately 70 percent;

**Whereas**, the existing Palomar Medical Center requires a substantial expansion in order to meet the goals of the Facilities Master Plan;

**Whereas**, the need to admit patients of specific types or acuities at Palomar Medical Center often exceeds bed capacity and necessary improvements include the provision of additional hospital beds and expanded inpatient and outpatient services;

**Whereas**, Palomar Medical Center requires structural improvements, including compliance with current State-required seismic standards for hospitals, and the structural improvements are so intensive that it would not be possible to complete expansion activities while maintaining critical hospital functions.

**Whereas**, due to the factors mentioned above the Palomar Pomerado Healthcare District Board of Directors (“Board”) has determined that a replacement hospital for Palomar Medical Center at a new location is necessary to fulfill the stated need in the Facilities Master Plan;

**Whereas**, in November 2004 the voters of the District passed Proposition BB to provide bond financing to pay for repair, expansion and replacement of health care facilities in the Facilities Master Plan that will help meet projected health care needs;

**Whereas**, consistent with the Facilities Master Plan the District has proposed the relocation of certain healthcare services of Palomar Medical Center to the Escondido Research and Technology Center (“Project”);

**Whereas**, the Project would be located in Planning Area 4 of the Escondido Research and Technology Center. The Project would develop Planning Area 4 into a hospital campus with approximately 1.2 million gross square feet (“gsf”) of building space that will include a new 453-bed hospital that would provide approximately 360 beds for general inpatient services, with the remaining 93 beds provided as part of a women’s center. The Women’s Center will provide services that include labor and delivery, a neonatal intensive care unit, post partum, and outpatient center. Diagnostic and treatment services, including emergency services, imaging, surgery, outpatient diagnostic center, and hospital support services will be provided in an



additional wing in the hospital. A separate central services building will provide space for reference labs, a warehouse, information technology / information systems, and food services. A hospital support building will also be constructed on the campus to provide building space for support services, administrative services, a conference center, and outpatient services. A separate outpatient services building will also be constructed. A central plant will also be constructed to serve the hospital campus;

**Whereas**, an Environmental Impact Report was certified for the ERTC Specific Plan 2001-01-SPA and an Addendum to the certified Final Environmental Impact Report for the ERTC Specific Plan 2001-01-SPA was prepared for amendments to the Specific Plan and additional discretionary planning and land use actions by the City of Escondido, and to approve the new Palomar Medical Center Project, and was prepared in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act;

**Whereas**, the Project will give the District the ability to continue to provide exceptional health care to its participants and increase the regional capacity of health care facilities to meet future demand for care;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

**Section 1. Recitals and Findings.** The foregoing recitals and findings are true and correct, and this Board so finds and determines.

**Section 2. Approval of Project.** Based on the foregoing, the Board hereby approves the Project and directs District Staff to proceed to obtain the necessary approvals from the City of Escondido and to implement the Project.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** at a special meeting of the Board of Directors of Palomar Pomerado Health, held on December 6, 2005, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINING:

DATED: December 6, 2005



**APPROVED:**

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Marcelo R. Rivera, MD., Chairman

Board of Directors

**ATTESTED:**

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Nancy H. Scofield, Secretary

Board of Directors