



RESOLUTION NO. 20-01
RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
MORONGO BASIN HEALTHCARE DISTRICT
DECLARING A LOCAL EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the Morongo Basin Healthcare District (“District”) is a healthcare district duly formed and operating under the Local Health Care District Law set forth in Health & Safety Code section 32000 et. seq.; and

WHEREAS, Government Code section 8634 allows special district boards, or designated officials to enact rules and regulations to protect life and property during an emergency; and

WHEREAS, conditions of disaster or of extreme peril to the health and safety of persons and property have arisen both internationally and within the United States as a result of the introduction of the novel coronavirus (“COVID-19”), a novel communicable disease which led to California Governor Gavin Newsom, to proclaim a State of Emergency for California on March 4, 2020; and

WHEREAS, currently COVID-19 has spread globally to more than 70 countries, infecting hundreds of thousands of persons and causing fatalities worldwide. Due to the expanding list of countries with widespread transmission of COVID-19, and increasing travel alerts and warnings for countries experiencing sustained or uncontrolled community transmission issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”), COVID-19 has created conditions that are likely to be beyond the control of local resources and require the combined forces of other political subdivisions to combat this virus; and

WHEREAS, a local health emergency was proclaimed by the County of San Bernardino Public Health Officer on March 10, 2020, and ratified by the Board of Supervisors on March 10, 2020; and

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WHEREAS, the CDC confirmed person-to-person transmission of COVID-19 in the United States, raising the possibility of community transmission occurring in the general public. This has resulted in a Federal Declaration of National Emergency as declared by President Donald Trump on March 13, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the District’s ability to mobilize local resources, accelerate procurement of vital supplies, use mutual aid, and seek future reimbursement by state and federal governments will be critical to successfully responding to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, these conditions warrant and necessitate that the District declare the existence of a local emergency; and

WHEREAS, Government Code section 8685 et seq. allows special districts to receive an allocation of funds under the California Disaster Assistance Act;

WHEREAS, Health & Safety Code section 32136 allows healthcare districts to let contracts for work to be done or for materials and supplies to be furnished, sold or leased to the District without following the lowest bid policy, if it first determines that an emergency exists

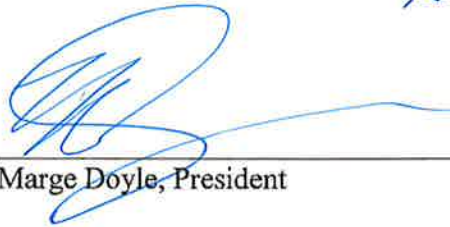
that warrants such an expenditure due to fire, flood, storm, epidemic or other disaster and is necessary to protect public health, safety, welfare or property;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Morongo Basin Healthcare District as follows:


1. That the Board of Directors of the District hereby declares the existence of a local emergency as a result of COVID-19 and directs the District staff to take the necessary steps for the protection of life, health and safety.
2. During the existence of said local emergency, the powers, functions, and duties of the District shall be those prescribed by state law and by policies and procedures of the District. The District's Chief Executive Officer, Jackie Combs, or her designee (the "Authorized Officer") is hereby authorized to implement the District's existing policies and procedures for emergency.
3. To the extent permitted by applicable law, normal goods and service procurement requests and purchase practices pursuant to the District's policy LD-240 Procurement, are stayed during this period of emergency. To the extent that there are federal or state government work or procurement policies and procedures that must be complied with to receive reimbursement for emergency expenditures, and the District seeks such reimbursement, the District shall comply with such procedures.
4. The District's Authorized Officer may commit or expend up to \$500,000.00 of the District's non-budgeted funds for emergency purposes during this state of emergency and the District's Authorized Officer shall take all reasonable steps to recover such costs from aid or reimbursement available from all sources, including state and federal agencies.
5. The District's Authorized Officer may suspend the performance of any District contracts as required to comply with public health orders during this period of emergency.
6. The District's Authorized Officer is hereby authorized to enact on behalf of the District and the District Board any necessary rules and regulations to protect life and property during the state declared emergency as authorized by Government Code section 8634.
7. The District's Authorized Officer is hereby authorized to implement on behalf of the District and the District Board any suspension of any existing law or regulation ordered by federal, state or local governments that are ordinarily applicable to District operations or governance.
8. The District shall track costs for staffing, supplies, and equipment related to COVID-19 preparation and prevention and forward that information to the District's Authorized Officer.
9. The District's Authorized Officer is authorized and directed to take all measures to seek and recover disaster relief funding from all sources, including state and federal agencies.
10. The District shall coordinate District-wide planning, preparedness and response efforts regarding COVID-19 with the San Bernardino County Office of Emergency Services.
11. Actions taken by the District's Authorized Officer prior to the effective date of this Resolution in response to threats posed by COVID-19 are hereby ratified.
12. The recitals set forth above are incorporated herein and made an operative part of this Resolution.
13. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

CERTIFICATION: This Resolution was passed and adopted at the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Hi-Desert Memorial Health Care District on the ninth day of April, 2020 by the following roll call vote:

Director Armstrong: Yes No Abstain Absent
Director Doyle: Yes No Abstain Absent
Director Evans: Yes No Abstain Absent
Director Greenhouse: Yes No Abstain Absent
Director Sullivan: Yes No Abstain Absent



Marge Doyle, President



Misty Evans, Secretary