

## **November 4, 2003 Consolidated Districts Election**

**Total Yes Votes: 11,601 70.1%**

**Total No Votes: 4,945 29.9%**

### **Kaweah Delta Health Care District**

(required to pass: 2/3 of votes cast)

### **Bond Measure M**

To expand and improve Kaweah Delta Hospital by upgrading Emergency and Cardiac Care services; increasing the capacity of the Hospital's intensive care and maternity units; providing additional beds; providing adequate parking; and meeting stricter State of California earthquake standards for acute care hospitals; shall the Kaweah Delta Health Care District issue bonds in an amount not to exceed \$51,000,000 for the purposes of financing new construction, acquiring equipment and property and renovating Kaweah Delta Hospital?

### **IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS BY COUNTY COUNSEL BOND MEASURE M**

If two-thirds of the qualified electors voting in an election held within District boundaries vote in favor of the measure, the Kaweah Delta Health Care District (hereafter referred to as "District") will be authorized to incur debt by issuing general obligation bonds for the purpose specifically stated in the measure of financing the expansion and improvement of the District's hospital by upgrading emergency and cardiac care services, increasing the capacity of the intensive care and maternity units, providing additional beds, providing adequate parking and meeting stricter State of California earthquake standards for acute care hospitals and to pay costs incidental thereto. If the measure is approved, the District will be authorized to increase the ad valorem taxes on property located within the District's boundaries, as allowed by law, to pay the bond principal, interest and associated costs.

Although ad valorem taxes on real property ordinarily cannot be levied above 1 percent of the full cash value of the property, the voters of California on June 3, 1986, amended Section 1(b) of Article XIII A of the California Constitution by adding a provision which authorizes an increase of the ad valorem taxes above the 1 percent limit when used to pay for debt service on any bonded indebtedness for the acquisition or improvement of real property, if approved at an election by two-thirds of the votes cast. The District is expressly authorized by the Local Health Care District Law, California Health and Safety Code

section 32300 et seq. to submit this bond measure to the voters within its boundaries. The exact effect on tax rates of the issue of the bonds cannot be determined until after the bonds are sold. The District's Tax Rate Statement included in the materials on this measure published in the Voter Pamphlet provides information regarding the estimated effect on tax rates if this measure is approved.

Under this measure, the maximum principal amount of the proposed bonds is not to exceed fifty-one million dollars (\$51,000,000). The number of years the whole or any part of the bonds will remain outstanding shall not exceed thirty (30) years from the date of the bonds or the date of any series thereof. The maximum rate of interest on the bonds shall not exceed eight percent (8%) per annum. The times of the sale of the bonds and the amount sold at any given time will be governed by the needs of the District, the bond market and other factors.

This bond measure makes no change to existing law. The electors entitled to vote on this measure are the registered voters within the boundaries of the District. If the measure is not approved by at least two-thirds of the votes cast on the measure, the measure will fail and the bonds will not be issued.

KATHLEEN BALES-LANGE  
Tulare County Counsel

By: Julia J. Roberts  
Chief Deputy County Counsel

### **TAX RATE STATEMENT MEASURE M**

An election will be held in the Kaweah Delta Health Care District (the "District") on November 4, 2003, to authorize the sale of not to exceed \$51,000,000 in bonds of the District to finance hospital facilities as described in the ballot measure. If the bonds are approved, the District expects to sell the bonds in one series (but may issue the bonds in more than one series). Principal and interest on the bonds will be payable from the proceeds of tax levies made upon the taxable property in the District. The following information is provided in compliance with the California Election Code Sections 9400-9404:

1. The best estimate of the tax rate that would be required to be levied to fund this bond issue during the first fiscal year after the sale of the bonds,

based on estimated assessed valuations available at the time of filing this statement, is 3.994 cents per \$100 (\$39.94 per \$100,000) of assessed valuation in fiscal year 2003-2004.

2. The best estimate of the highest tax rate that would be required to be levied to fund this bond issue, based on estimated assessed valuations available at the time of filing this statement, is 3.994 cents per \$100 (\$39.94 per \$100,000) of assessed valuation in fiscal year 2003-2004.

The District's best estimate of the average tax rate that would be required to be levied to fund this bond issue over all of the years the bonds are expected to be outstanding is \$30.54 per \$100,000 of assessed valuation.

Voters should note that the estimated tax rates are based on the *ASSESSED VALUE* of taxable property on the Tulare County official tax rolls, *not* on the market value of property. Property owners should consult their own property tax bills to determine their property's assessed value and any applicable tax exemptions.

Attention of all voters is directed to the fact that the foregoing information is based on the District's projections and estimates only, which are not binding upon the District. The actual tax rates and the years in which they will apply may vary from those presently estimated, due to variations from these estimates in the timing of the sale of the bonds, the amount of bonds sold and market interest rates at the time of the sale, and actual assessed valuations over the term of repayment of the bonds. The date of sale and

the amount of bonds sold at any given time will be determined by the District based on the need for construction funds and other factors, including the legal limitations approved by a 2/3 vote. The actual interest rates at which the bonds will be sold will depend on the bond market at the time of the bond sale. Actual future assessed valuation will depend on the amount and value of taxable property within the District as determined by the County Assessor in the annual assessment and the equalization process.

Dated: July 22, 2003

s/ Toni M. Boniske, President, Board of Directors  
Kaweah Delta Health Care District

### **ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE M**

Our community depends on Kaweah Delta Hospital for primary and emergency medical care. Heart attack victims, people injured in automobile accidents, senior citizens, and young families with children receive quality medical care from Tulare County's foremost acute care provider.

Population growth is threatening the hospital's ability to provide adequate emergency medical care to our community.

In 1970, the population of Tulare County was 188,000. In 2003, the population has more than doubled to almost 400,000.

Fifteen years ago, the Emergency Department averaged fewer than 30,000 visits each year. Today, that number has more than doubled to 61,104.

This year Kaweah Delta Hospital will treat twice as many heart attack victims and cardiac patients as were treated in 1996, the first year the cardiac center opened.

Our community is suffering a shortage of doctors and nurses as well as medical facilities. Kaweah Delta Hospital has a need for approximately 100 more nurses. Physicians and surgeons are being aggressively recruited to fill critical vacancies but shortages continue.

Measure M will:

Add 135 beds to the hospital's capacity.

Reduce wait times in the Emergency Department by instituting new programs such as the Chest Pain Center and the Observation Unit which will add 12 beds to the department.

Improve care for heart attack victims and cardiac patients by expanding the Regional Heart Center, which includes a 20 bed Cardiac Intensive Care Unit, and 48 cardiac care beds.

Attract additional highly qualified doctors and nurses to the updated hospital and Regional Heart Center.

Improve access to the hospital by adding critically needed downtown parking spaces.

Measure M will ensure Kaweah Delta remains an independent, non-profit, community hospital serving local residents.

Measure M is supported by health care providers, seniors, business leaders, farmers, taxpayer groups, local doctors and nurses.

Please Vote Yes November 4<sup>th</sup>.

s/ Lynn Havard Mirviss, Nurse Educator  
s/ Randall Zeeb, Retired Community Planner  
s/ Jesús J. Gamboa, Mayor  
s/ William R. Winn, M.D., Physician  
s/ Eric Shannon, Rancher

**NO ARGUMENT AGAINST THIS MEASURE WAS SUBMITTED**