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Tri-City Healthcare District and Fallbrook Healthcare District Announce a Joint Powers Agreement

OCEANSIDE and FALLBROOK, Calif. – The Tri-City Healthcare District and the Fallbrook Healthcare District are pleased to announce that they have entered into a Joint Powers Agreement designed to enhance the level of medical and healthcare services provided to the residents throughout the Fallbrook Healthcare District's service area.

The agreement is the culmination of discussions and efforts between the two agencies over the past several months and will enable the Fallbrook Healthcare District to support potential expansion of the quality services available locally in Fallbrook. This benefits patients, their families, the local healthcare system and the entire economic base of the Fallbrook community. Vi Dupre, Administrator of the Fallbrook Healthcare District and Larry Anderson, Chief Executive Officer of Tri-City Healthcare District, issued a joint statement regarding the new affiliation, as follows:

"It is the intent of both districts that, through this Joint Powers Agreement, we will be able to execute strategies that have the potential to give residents of Fallbrook, and surrounding communities, access to the highest quality of healthcare, provided primarily in their local community. We understand the burden of families having to travel to distant facilities in order to receive care."

About Fallbrook Healthcare District

Fallbrook Healthcare District (FHD) is a local special district. It is a single function, non-enterprise, independent government agency serving the Fallbrook, Bonsall, Rainbow and DeLuz areas. It was originally formed in 1950, as a Hospital District, to build and operate Fallbrook Hospital. In November 1998, the District Board, with voters' consent, signed a 30-year agreement with Fallbrook Hospital Corporation, to operate and manage the Fallbrook Hospital. At that time, the District re-organized to become a Healthcare District operating under the Local Health Care District Law of the State of California. In addition to furthering its stated mission of preserving the programs and services of Fallbrook Hospital for the community, FHD maintains an active role in identifying, promoting and facilitating community health care programs and activities in collaboration with multiple agencies that are also aware, concerned and involved with the health and well-being of the people of the greater Fallbrook community.

About Tri-City Healthcare District

Tri-City Healthcare District, which includes parts or all of Carlsbad, Oceanside, San Marcos, and Vista, administers Tri-City Medical Center. This Medical Center is a Gold Seal-approved, full-service, acute-care Medical Center with two advanced clinical institutes and over 500 physicians practicing in 60 specialties.

About Tri-City Medical Center

Tri-City Medical Center has served its community for more than half a century and has become the county's leader in robotic and minimally invasive surgical technologies, including being the exclusive county-wide provider for the Mazor Renaissance Surgical Guidance System for surgical repair of spinal deformities, injuries and rehabilitation; and the NavioPFS™ system ("Blue Belt") for robotic knee repair, which is less invasive and preserves the existing knee. Tri-City Medical Center also has the only Level III Neonatal Intensive Care Unit in North San Diego County, now with the NICView System, a password-protected webcam system that allows parents and relatives to remotely view their newest family member. Tri-City Medical Center was named by the editors of Becker's Hospital Review both one of the "100 Great Hospitals in America" and one of the "100 Great Places to Work in Healthcare." Selected from over 5,700 hospitals, Tri-City Medical Center was recognized as an innovator in medical treatments, research, technology and care delivery as well as an anchor of health in the country.

For more information about Tri-City Medical Center and Tri-City Healthcare District, please visit www.tricitymed.org.

For more information about Fallbrook Healthcare District, visit www.FallbrookHealthcareDistrict.net.

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