



Community Health Together

Fallbrook Regional Health District Hosted Town Hall

More Than 100 Residents Attended Meeting to Hear About Future Plans

FALLBROOK, Calif. (April 14, 2017) ---- The Fallbrook Regional Health District hosted the first of two consecutive town halls during a regular board meeting on Wednesday, April 12 drawing more than 100 interested residents to hear about future plans for community health.

The District Board of Directors sought public feedback on the sale of public land at 624 E. Elder Street, formerly operating as the Fallbrook Hospital and its annex buildings. The District intends to identify suitable medical services to address identified local health concerns, including cancer, diabetes and hypertension.

The voter-approved special district collects roughly \$1.6 million annually to cover health care provider shortages, uninsured Californians, patients with low or fixed incomes, and underserved populations.

Since 2000, the district community health contracts have supported more than 270 health programs offering no-cost services for the North San Diego County unincorporated communities of Fallbrook, Bonsall, Rainbow and De Luz. In the last five years, the District granted about \$3 million in health services benefiting the public.

With a largely 55-plus population, many District contracts support senior programs offering transportation, health screenings and education as well as nutritious food options, including those delivered to the home.

"Fallbrook residents take community involvement to a whole new level," said Executive Director Bobbi Palmer of the Fallbrook Regional Health District. "We were delighted with the town hall turnout and high interest in the fact sheets, annual report and other data points, which are also available on our website." www.fallbrookhealth.org

Other health contracts support underserved families and youth by offering dental and eye exams, access to a local food pantry, disability support and mental and behavioral health services.

In addition to contractual services, Fallbrook Regional Health District directly operates health programs including the Community Collaborative Health & Wellness Committee, Fallbrook Community Healthcare Resource Directory, Healthcare Hero, monthly Woman of Wellness (WOW) program, North County Community Collaborative Health Initiative and Wellness Walks that are held monthly.

The second town hall will take place at 6 p.m. on May 10 at the Fallbrook Public Utility District, 990 E. Mission Road in Fallbrook.

#

ABOUT Fallbrook Regional Health District

Fallbrook Regional Health District is a special district covering affordable community health needs in the communities of Fallbrook, Bonsall, De Luz and Rainbow. The roughly \$1.6 million collected in voter-approved taxes supports nearly \$700,000 annually in full spectrum community health programs and services, including health screenings, preventative treatment and urgent care. Learn more about community health needs provided by the district at www.fallbrookhealth.org.

Contact: Erica Holloway
Galvanized Strategies, on behalf of Fallbrook Healthcare District
m. (619) 796-1651
Erica@galvanizedstrategies.com