



Fallbrook Regional Health District Votes to Sell Former Hospital for \$4.5M

New Behavioral Health Facility an Estimated \$2M Construction Project

FALLBROOK, Calif. (May 15, 2017) ---- The [Fallbrook Regional Health District](#) board voted unanimously to sell the former Fallbrook Hospital at 624 E. Elder Street for \$4.5 million to [Crestwood Behavioral Health Inc.](#) during its regular board meeting on May 10.

The vote followed the second of two consecutive town halls where residents were invited to share feedback with the district board on the sale of the public property. The roughly 25 residents in attendance heard a lengthy presentation from Crestwood Behavioral Health Inc., which submitted a bid through real estate consultants Cushman & Wakefield.

The 100-bed facility will bring 108 full-time permanent positions and another 10 part-time positions in addition to the immediate construction jobs. Crestwood Behavioral Health Inc. has committed at least \$2 million for the construction project, though company representatives said it could cost the company up to \$4 million.

“After a two and half year search, we finally found the right fit for this property,” said Executive Director Bobbi Palmer. “This facility will bring much-needed behavioral health resources to the community, as well as jobs and a multi-million rejuvenation for that community asset.”

The facility will offer long-term treatment and care on a closed campus for adults struggling with mental health illnesses combined with other factors, including alcohol and drug addiction. Crestwood Behavioral Health Inc. is a for-profit company that operates 19 locations statewide.

Board director Stephen Abbott said before voting, “I think this is the highest and best use of this asset. It’s good for Fallbrook; it’s good for the surrounding communities.”

The project plans to break ground later this year.

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 Bonsall, Del Luz, Fallbrook and Rainbow. In the last five years, the District granted about \$3 million in health services benefiting the public.

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ABOUT Fallbrook Regional Health District

Fallbrook Regional Health District is a special district covering affordable community health needs in the communities of Bonsall, De Luz, Fallbrook 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 behavioral health, screenings,

preventative treatment and urgent care. Learn more about community health needs provided by the district at www.fallbrookhealth.org.

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