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## Mt. Diablo Health Care District – Status Report

## **Dear Commissioners:**

On August 8, 2012, following a special LAFCO study, various meetings and two public hearings, the Commission approved the Mt. Diablo Health Care District (MDHCD) Reorganization. The reorganization involved the detachment of territory from the MDHCD and establishment of MDHCD as a subsidiary district of the City of Concord. The MDHCD bounds included the cities of Concord and Pleasant Hill.

Pursuant to the reorganization, the City of Concord assumed responsibility for the day-to-day operations of the MDHCD and the Concord City Council members serve as the District Board.

The City has successfully transitioned the MDHCD into the City organization as a subsidiary district to the City. As reported by the City, there are two aspects of this transition: (1) Administrative and (2) Grant Program Operation, which are described below.

Administrative Transition: All records and assets of the former MDHCD were transferred successfully to the City. The Concord City Manager was appointed as the Executive Director of the District and the Concord City Attorney as its legal counsel. The former MDHCD office has been closed and the official office of the MDHCD is now Concord City Hall located on Parkside Drive in Concord.

The Concord City Clerk's office has spent the last six months obtaining and organizing the historical files for the District and is working to digitize the documents. The City has replaced the former MDHCD website with a new a page for the MDHCD which is part of the City's website (http://www.ci.concord.ca.us/mdhcd/).

The MDHCD Board (i.e., Concord City Council) created an MDHCD Grant Committee as a subcommittee of Concord's existing Community Services Commission (CSC). Membership in this Grant Committee includes five members of the CSC (Concord residents) and two Pleasant

Hill residents appointed by Pleasant Hill City Council. The Board has tasked the Grant Committee with developing and implementing a grant process. Additionally, the Board has asked the Committee to evaluate a possible name change for the District that would reflect the District's new, smaller boundaries. The Committee has not yet taken up this task, but anticipates doing so in the future and will return to the Board with a recommendation.

Additionally, the MDHCD Board appointed the following City representatives to serve on the John Muir/Mt. Diablo Community Health Fund Board: Councilmember Laura Hoffmeister, Bill Gram-Reefer, and Ernesto Avila. The Pleasant Hill City Council appointed Councilmembers Jack Weir and David Durant. All five members have taken their seats on the Community Health Fund Board.

*Grant Program*: The MDHCD Grant Committee developed an official grant process which was approved by the MDHCD Board. A grant kickoff meeting was held in March 2013 for interested applicants for FY 2013-14 funding; the deadline for submittal was April 25.

The City reports that community response was robust; the Grant Committee received 34 applications requesting \$975,881 in funding. Approximately \$200,000 in grant funding is available, thus the Committee has its work cut out for them. The District's web page includes a comprehensive grant application packet containing information regarding the District, its mission, the grant application process/timeline, funding parameters, community health priorities, funding availability and other relevant information. According to the timeline, the Grant Committee will review all applications and make funding recommendations to the Board of Directors in July; the funding cycle will begin on August 1, 2013. The District's website also includes instructions for completing the grant application and the District's strategic plan.

RECOMMENDATION – Receive report.

Sincerely,

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