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SACRAMENTO 95814

October 3, 1969

Shasta County Board of Supervisors
Shasta County Court House
Redding, California

Attention Mr. Richard C. Brennan, Clerk

Gentlemen: Re: MAYERS MEMORIAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT

You are notified that a certified copy of Shasta County Board of Supervisors' Resolution No. 69-245, adopted September 29, 1969, declaring formation of MAYERS MEMORIAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT, was filed in this office on October 2, 1969, pursuant to Section 58133 of the Government Code.

Very truly yours,

FRANK M. JORDAN
Secretary of State

By
C. OSCAR JOHNSON
Associate Counsel & Deputy

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cc-Local Agency Formation Commission
Counties of ~~Shasta~~, Lassen,
Modoc and Siskiyou

File - Propo & Fall Review Prop. District

This is resume of assessed value of those asking withdrawal from the Mayers Memorial Hospital District.

LARGE CORPORATIONS

Hearst	\$ 40,270.00
McCloud	169,960.00
Shasta Forests	150,630.00
Kimberly Clark	57,420.00
U. S. Plywood	170,765.00
Scott Lumber	1,100,999.00
	<u>\$1,690,044.00</u>

LARGE LAND OWNERS

Goose Valley Ranch	\$ 209,513.00
Ivy B. Horr	133,734.00
T. E. Connolly	66,630.00
	<u>\$ 409,877.00</u>

TOTALS-

Burney	199,626.00
Diamond International	2,220.00
General Owners	836,149.00
Large Corporations	1,690,044.00
Large Land Owners	409,877.00
	<u>\$3,137,916.00</u>

LASSEN COUNTY ----- \$ 83,803.00

TOTAL ASSESSED VALUATION WITHIN DISTRICT ----- \$31,925,271.00

MODOC COUNTY had no requests for withdrawal from district.

PUBLIC HEARING: FORMATION OF
MAYERS MEMORIAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT

5-10-68

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FORMATION OF MAYERS MEMORIAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT (CONTINUED)

Mr. E.E. Boyett, District Manager of Pacific Gas & Electric Company, said that as his company has about 62 per cent of the assessed valuation, it has a vital interest in formation of the district. Its tax exposure could amount to approximately \$36,000 which is not commensurate with the number of its employees in the district. He felt it would be double taxation for taxpayers in the area as taxes are already being paid for the Shasta General Hospital.

Counsel Rehberg outlined duties and responsibilities of LAFCO and follow-up by the Board of Supervisors.

Being no one further to speak for or against, public hearing was closed.

Commissioner Wagoner said that one of the prime concerns of LAFCO was that the boundaries be feasible and reasonable. As this is so, he moved for approval of the boundaries of Mayers Memorial Hospital District as submitted. Seconded by Morgan, unanimously carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m. by unanimous vote.

5/10/67

LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

TO: All LAFCO Commissioners
FROM: Bill G. Minton, Executive Officer
SUBJECT: Proposed Formation of
Mayers Memorial Hospital District

May 10, 1967

The proposed formation of the Mayers Memorial Hospital District was received in this office on April 17. Description and map as submitted by proponents of this formation were referred to Shasta County Department of Public Works to check correctness and conformity. Legal notice of the proposed formation appeared in the Intermountain News on April 20, 1967. On April 25, 1967, notice of intention to form aforementioned district were sent to:

Boards of Supervisors - Counties of Lassen, Modoc, Shasta
Pine Grove Mosquito Abatement District
Millville Masonic & Odd Fellows Cemetery District
Burney Cemetery District
Pine Grove Cemetery District
Fall River Mills Cemetery District
Burney Fire District
Fall River Mills County Fire District
McArthur Fire District
Fall River Mills Community Services District
Burney County Water District
Ed Bruce, Chairman, Board of Directors, Mayers Memorial Hospital
Pacific Gas & Electric Company

A check into the historical background of the existing Mayers Memorial Hospital reveals that it was constructed during 1956 and 1957 by a local organization, a nonprofit California corporation. Volunteer labor, donated material and funds made the facility possible, but due to lack of professional management and sufficient operating funds, it did not remain open for a prolonged period.

In 1962 the owners of the Memorial Hospital of Redding contracted with the Board of Directors of Mayers Memorial Hospital for operation of the hospital and this arrangement remained in force until October 31, 1966, when the contract was terminated by the Memorial Hospital of Redding.

The hospital was initially licensed by Memorial Hospital, Inc. of Redding to operate as a 10-bed acute short-term general hospital. Mayers Memorial Hospital has recently been relicensed by the owning corporation for the same type of operation.

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 The petition before LAPCO and the accompanying map stated that the boundary of the proposed Mayers Memorial Hospital District would be contiguous with the boundaries of the Fall River Joint Unified School District. It will contain approximately 1153 square miles located in three counties--826 square miles in Shasta County, 278 in Lassen County; and 49 square miles in Modoc County. Total assessed valuation of the proposed hospital district is \$30,227,395, broken down as follows:

	<u>Local Secured & Unsecured</u>	<u>Utility</u>	<u>Total</u>
Shasta County	\$10,203,450	\$18,509,750	\$28,713,200
Lassen County	836,570	512,450	1,349,020
Modoc County	<u>159,355</u>	<u>5,820</u>	<u>165,175</u>
<i>Hot Creek</i>	\$11,199,375	\$19,028,020	\$30,227,395

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The land includes the area generally referred to as Burney Creek Valley, Fall River Valley and Big Valley. Total estimated population is 6000. Major industries in the area are agriculture, lumber, recreation and the generation of hydroelectric power. Purpose of proposed district is to provide hospital and medical care services at the Mayers Memorial Hospital in Fall River Mills, California.

On October 11, 1966, the Shasta County Board of Supervisors commissioned the hospital consultant firm of August W. Koenig & Associates of Palo Alto to make a survey of the hospital. The consultant team was headed by S. Ames Pence and the survey was to include recommendations on the following:

1. Whether this hospital can be economically operated in its present condition, and if not, what minimum changes would be necessary to the physical plant to permit economical operation in conformance with the law.
2. The minimum staffing for economical operation within the law.
3. A review of the agencies, both public and private, which are existing or could be created to economically operate this hospital, and the general manner in which it might be operated.
4. A review of sources of funds, property or other assistance which might be available by grant or loan for the improvement in operation of the hospital by agencies considered in No. 3 above.

The consultant listed his recommendations on pages 24, 25 and 26 of his report and the following is a part of the recommendations:

Reported Votes 2657

Local tax support--Hospital District

The hospital consultants urgently recommend the formation of a hospital district. This would provide continued support and a method by which future needs for hospital beds could be met at the Fall River Mills site or later, elsewhere within the district. A district would be governed by its own elected officials, each representing a geographical area. The district would be self-determining and would eliminate any outside governmental controls. The district should include Burney Creek Valley, Fall River Valley and ^{and Big Valley.} Big Valley.

Proponents of formation of the hospital district have advised in their questionnaire as follows:

to LAFCO

"It is anticipated by the present Board of Directors, and in the hospital study made by the hospital consultants, on an average patient-day census of six, the maximum operating deficit would be \$30,000. Based on the present assessed valuation, it is anticipated that the district could be operated very satisfactorily on a 10¢ tax rate or less."

Based upon information presently available to the staff of LAFCO, it is respectfully recommended that LAFCO approve the proposed formation of the Mayers Memorial Hospital District.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill G. Minton

May 10, 1967

RESOLUTION OF THE
LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

WHEREAS, A Notice of intention to form a new Hospital District
has been filed with this Commission, and (Mayers Memorial Hospital
District

WHEREAS, the County Boundary Commission has filed its report,
and

WHEREAS, the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors has certified
that the petition is properly signed and correctly describes the proposed
boundaries, and

WHEREAS, notice has been duly given and public hearing held as
required by law, and

WHEREAS, the Commission has reviewed the proposed formation
and considered those factors set forth in Section 54786 of the Government
Code,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT DULY RESOLVED that the proposed formation
is

- (1) Disapproved: _____
- (2) Approved: Resolution No. 67-5
- (3) Approved with the following conditions:


Chairman
Local Agency Formation Commission

May 10, 1967
Date of Commission Action

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, there is a movement to create a Hospital District within the confines of the Fall River Unified School District, and/or, make the Mayers Hospital a part of the Shasta County General Hospital System.

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the undersigned property owners, or the representatives of property owners, do intensely protest the formation of such a district, and for the making Mayers Memorial Hospital a part of the Shasta County General Hospital System.

NAME OR NAME REPRESENTING BUSINESS:

- Shasta Times Motel Burney Calif.
- L. D. Hoedt Green Cobles Motel Burney Calif.
- H. Miller Charm Motel Burney Calif.
- Ray H. Beers Coast Burney Calif.
- Beverly Vaughn Vaughn's 4th St Burney Calif.
- Carl V. Tracy Sunny Barber Shop Burney Calif.
- Wm. A. Wiley Burney Calif.
- John D. Walker Dist. Shellgas Stat. Burney Calif.
- David Harris Burney Calif.
- Caroline M. Tucker Burney Calif.
- Richard M. Clark - Olympia Inn Burney, California
- Wm. J. Wiles Burney Calif.
- Willie E. Renison Renisons Var. Burney Calif.
- Jed A. Swan Burney Bottle Shop Burney Calif.
- Riley Vaughn Vaughn's Bros. Burney Calif.
- John Morris Burney Body Shop Burney Calif.
- Valeria E. Boulanger Burney Burney Calif.
- Hermille Switzer Burney, Calif.
- Alford A. Welch Cliffs Mt. Burney
- E. Navarra Burney Store Burney Calif.
- Taylor Toyado Coy Burney Calif.
- Irwin E. Dier Burney, California

Local Agency Formation Commission

Court House

Redding, California

Gentlemen:

The undersigned, for and on behalf of the proponents of the subject formation, hereby give notice of intention to form a special district more specifically described as follows:

Type of District:

Hospital District

To be formed under the following Code Section:

Health and Safety Code, Sec. 32000 seq. and Govt. Code Sec. 54773 seq.

A map and legal description of the specific boundaries of the territory proposed to be formed as such district are attached hereto and made part hereof by this reference.

My address and telephone number for the purpose of receiving notices, process and other communications regarding the formation of such district

Board of Directors are:

Mayers Memorial Hospital:

Ed Bruce, Chairman,

Board of Directors, Mayers Memorial Hospital

Ed Bruce

Ed Bruce

P.O. Box 7, MacArthur, California

William D. Hoskins

William D. Hoskins

Hardy V. Darnell

E.C. Hayes

E.C. Hayes

Signed

Almont D. St. John

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W.L. Howlett, M.D.

W.L. Howlett, M.D.

Mrs. Sam Gerig

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Mrs. Helen H. Cruikshank

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Form No. 3

INTENTION TO FORM SPECIAL DISTRICT

John R. Hahn

John Hahn

This is a standard "Proposal Questionnaire Form", Therefore, only those questions need be answered which relate to a proper evaluation of the application. See Section 20 of the Commission rules.

PROPOSAL QUESTIONNAIRE

(Use additional pages as required)

A - General Proposed Mayers Memorial Hospital District

- 1 - Type and designation of proposal: Hospital District
- 2 - Statutory provisions governing proceedings.
Health & Safety Sec. 32000 seq., Govt. Code Sec. 54773 seq.

B - Physical Features

- 1 - Land area: square miles 1,153* ; acres 737,920 .
- 2 - State general description of topography: Flat to mountain
- 3 - Describe "natural" boundaries: (Rivers, mountains, freeways, etc.)
Same as Fall River Joint Unified School District
- 4 - Describe drainage basins, rivers, flood control channels, etc.
- 5 - Describe major highway access to the area:
State Highways 299E and 89

C - Population and related matters:

- 1 - Population in subject area. 6,000
- 2 - Population density (i.e. per square mile, per acre). 1 person per 120 acres
- 3 - Number of registered voters 2,657
- 4 - Number of dwelling units. 1,400 approx.
- 5 - Proximity to other populated areas. Half-way between Alturas and Redding on State Hwy 299E
- 6 - Likelihood of significant increase in population in next ten years.
 - a - In unincorporated areas. It is anticipated that population growth will increase similar to that of other rural areas
 - b - In incorporated areas. of Shasta County

D - Economic Factors

1 - Zoning and related matters:

- a - Describe the existing land use in the area which is the subject of this proposal. Agriculture, lumber, recreation & hydro electric power
- b - Detail existing zoning. Limited
- c - Describe proposed new zoning or changes in zoning, if any. Presently studying County General Plan

2 - Assessed value in area:

a - Land)	TOTAL	Shasta	\$28,713,200
)		Lassen	1,349,020
b - Improvements)		Modoc	<u>165,175</u>
				\$30,227,395

* Shasta 826
Lassen 278
Modoc 49
1,153

- c - Assessed valuation per capita. \$5,038
- d - Amount of publicly owned land in area. 60% approx.
- e - Amount of Sales Tax Collected in area. Not applicable

E - Governmental services in area: (Describe in such detail as is appropriate to the area the existing governmental services and controls in the area including, for example, police protection, fire protection, health services, garbage and trash collections, libraries, parks and playgrounds, sewers, streets, street lighting, etc). Level of service provided by County in unincorporated area plus special districts providing fire, water, lighting, cemetery, mosquito control, soil conservation

F - Need for additional governmental services or controls:

- 1 - Describe those governmental services or controls which should be provided in increased amount in the area. Medical care services through district hospital
- 2 - Estimate probable future need for new or increased governmental services or controls in the area. Must meet need for proper medical services
- 3 - Describe how your proposal meets the need which you have described in paragraphs F, 1 and 2, above. Will provide legal and financial means to meet needs.
- 4 - What alternative courses of action exist for meeting the need described above? Describe and evaluate: None

* G - What revenue will your proposal require for the accomplishment of its goals and what are the prospective sources of such revenue?

- H - Estimate to the best of your ability the effect of the proposal on:
- 1 - Cost of governmental services and controls. Maximum tax levy of \$30,000 which would require a 10¢ tax rate
 - 2 - Adequacy of governmental services and controls.
 - 3 - Mutual social and economic interests.
 - 4 - Local governmental structure of the County. General law county

I - Any other comments you wish to make:
See attached

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The hospital is located in a rural community which is chiefly involved in agriculture, livestock and lumber industries with some significant activity in the hydroelectric power generating industry. The building is located about one mile east of Fall River Mills, on moderately busy State Highway 299, approximately 67 miles northeast of Redding, Shasta County, and 70 miles southwest of Alturas, Modoc County, both in California.

Local tax support -- Hospital District.

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January 11, 1949

DESCRIPTION OF THE FALL RIVER UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Beginning at the point on the Northerly boundary of Shasta County in Township 39 North where it intersects the range line common to Ranges 4 East and 5 East, M.D.B.&M. said range line also being the boundary line between Modoc and Siskiyou Counties, and running thence North on said range line to the Northwest corner of Section 19, T. 40 N., R. 5 E.; thence Easterly on section lines to the range line common to Ranges 5 East and 6 East; thence South on said range line to the Northwest corner of Section 30, T. 38 N., R. 6 East said corner being located on the boundary line between Shasta and Lassen Counties; thence Easterly on Section lines to the Northeast corner of Section 27, T. 38 N., R. 6 East; thence Southerly on section lines to the Township line between Townships 36 and 37 North; thence Easterly on and along said Township line to the Northwest corner of Section 6, T. 36 North, Range 7 East; thence Southerly on the range line between Ranges 6 East and 7 East to the Southwest corner of Section 18, T. 36 North, Range 7 East; thence Easterly on and along section lines to the range line common to Ranges 8 East and 9 East; thence Southerly on said range line to the township line between Townships 35 North and 36 North; thence Easterly on said township line to the northeast corner of fractional section 8, T. 35 North, Range 9 East; thence Southerly on section lines to the Southeast corner of Section 17, T. 34 North, Range 9 East; thence Westerly on Section lines to the range line common to Ranges 8 East and 9 East; thence Southerly on said range line to the township line common to Townships 33 North and 34 North; thence Westerly on said township line to the Southwest corner of Township 34 North, Range 6 East; thence Southerly on the range line common to Ranges 5 East & 6 East to the Northeast corner of township 32 North Range 5 East; thence Westerly on the North boundary line of Township 32 North to the Northwest corner of Section 5, Township 32 North, Range 5 East; thence Southerly on and along section lines to the Southeast corner of Section 19 same Township and Range; thence Westerly on the South boundary of said Section 19 to the Range line common to Ranges 4 East and 5 East; thence Southerly on and along said range line to the Southeast corner of Section 24, T. 32 North, Range 4 East; thence Westerly on and along section lines to the Southwest corner

of Section 21, same township and range; thence Northerly on and along section lines to the township line common to townships 32 North and 33 North; thence Westerly on said township line to the Southwest corner of T. 33 North, Range 4 East; thence Northerly on the range line common to ranges 3 East and 4 East to the Northwest corner of Township 33 North, Range 4 East; thence Westerly on the Township line common to Townships 33 North and 34 North to the Southwest corner of Section 34, T. 34 North, Range 2 East; thence Northerly on and along section lines to the township line common to townships 34 North and 35 North; thence Westerly on said township line to the range line common to Ranges 1 East and 2 East; thence Northerly on an along said range line to the Northeast corner of Section 13, Township 35 North, Range 1 East; thence Westerly on and along section lines to the Southwest corner of Section 11 same township and range; thence Northerly on and along section lines to the township line common to townships 35 North and 36 North, in Range 1 East; thence Easterly on said township line to the Southeast corner of Section 34, T. 36 North, Range 1 East; thence Northerly on and along section lines to the centerline of the Pit River; thence Easterly on and along the centerline of the Pit River to the range line common to ranges 1 East and 2 East; thence Northerly on and along said range line to the boundary line between Shasta County and Siskiyou County; thence Easterly on and along said County boundary line to the point of beginning.

The above described area being a portion of Shasta, Modoc and Lassen Counties and includes the following school districts:

Modoc County-- Little Hot Springs Elementary School District

Lassen County-- McArthur Joint Union and Dixie Valley School Districts

Shasta County-- Albion, Fall River, Fall River Mills, Fort Crook, Hat Creek, Island, Lincoln, Lindsay, McArthur Joint Union, Mt. Burney, Pacific, Pit River and Wilcox School Districts.

Agency OK's district plan for FRM hospital

5/11/67

Establishment of a special district with taxing and bonding powers to operate Mayers Memorial Hospital in Fall River Mills was approved by a county commission last night.

The district will be formed only if it is approved by Shasta County supervisors and by voters in the proposed district.

Boundaries for the district — the same as those of the Fall River Joint Unified School District — were approved last night by the county's Local Agency Formation Commission.

The commission acted after hearing an endorsement of the plan by William D. Hoskins of Fall River Mills, a director of the nonprofit corporation that now operates the hospital. The commission heard objections from a Pacific Gas and Electric Co. spokesman and from Jim Bush of Burney. Bush said he does not think property owners can afford the increasing tax load the area may have for schools, recreation and the hospital.

"I suggest that they take the building and sell it and we'll go to Redding or

we'll go to Mount Shasta and get the care we want," Bush said.

Hoskins said he and his fellow directors "strongly feel we could probably operate with a 5-cent tax (on each \$100 assessed valuation)." The law would allow the district to have a maximum tax rate of 20 cents on each \$100 assessed valuation.

"If a 10-cent rate was all and it was going to stop there, I'd say 'fine,'" Bush commented. "But it won't pay for itself at 20 cents. I know it won't. A private

hospital will make money if they run it right."

Bush noted that with approval of two-thirds of the voters, additional taxes could be imposed for bond issues.

Hoskins reported that when Memorial Hospital of Redding, a private corporation, operated Mayers, the hospital "went from almost a full patient load to one or two patients a day." He said the hospital now has "6 to 14 patients a day almost all the time, not counting outpatients."

Deficiencies state inspectors found when Redding's Memorial Hospital corporation operated the insitution have virtually all be eliminated, Hoskins said.

Objections to the hospital district proposal were also voiced by PG&E representative H. E. Boyett.

"We recognize the need for a hospital in the Intermountain area," Boyett said. "But since the taxpayers in the district are already supporting the Shasta County Hospital in Redding, we feel it would not be morally right to double tax the

residents in this district to support a hospital in Fall River Mills."

Boyett said PG&E has "a vital interest in the district because we have about 62 per cent of the assessed valuation in the district."

Supervisor Norman Wagoner, a commission member, noted that the supervisors will hold two public hearings on the proposal before deciding whether to call an election at which voters would decide whether to form the district.

Assessed Valuation Fall River Jt. Unified Dist.

1	2	3	4	6	8	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Local Secured Homeowner	Utility Bill	Total Secured Roll	County Unsecured Roll	Grand Total -								
Shasta County 9,848,555	1,850,975	28,358,305	354,895	28,713,200								
Lassen Co - 691,520	512,450	1,203,970	145,050	1,349,020								
Modoc Co. 112,970	5820	118,810	46,365	165,175								
Totals - 10,653,065	1,928,920	29,681,085	546,310	30,227,395								

MILDRED PREHN
Shasta County Auditor
Redding, Calif. 96001

MAY - 9 1967

LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION
May 10, 1967

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. May 10. Present, Commissioners Ferreira, Denny, Morgan and Wagoner. Absent, Commissioner Lenser.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

By motion made, seconded and carried, minutes of April 5 and May 3 meetings were approved as mailed.

REAPPOINTMENT:

Announcement was made of reappointment of Norman A. Wagoner by Shasta County Board of Supervisors to a four-year term on the Commission, May 1, 1967 to May 3, 1971.

PUBLIC HEARING: ANNEXATION NO. 32 TO
ENTERPRISE PUBLIC UTILITIES DISTRICT

Executive Officer Minton explained that annexation of 4.8 acres located at Hartnell Avenue and Appian Way was requested to provide water and fire protection, with sewer service in the near future. All annexation fees to be paid before District services are furnished. Location of property was shown on map.

There was no one present to speak for or against proposed annexation and public hearing was closed.

By motion made, seconded and unanimously carried, annexation was approved as requested by sole petitioner and Board of Directors was authorized to annex said territory without notice and hearing, and without an election.

COUNSEL REHBERG RE PUBLIC HEARINGS

In answer to question from Commissioner Denny, Counsel Rehberg said he felt the Commission should offer to hear anyone who wished to speak for or against a proposed annexation, even though annexation had been requested without notice and hearing by Commission, and even though the right of such persons to be heard is not provided by law.

PUBLIC HEARING: ANNEXATION NO. 1 TO
FALL RIVER MILLS COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

Executive Officer Minton explained annexation of approximately 20 acres to Fall River Mills Community Services District, which would provide water service to the area, which includes Mayers Memorial Hospital and Fort Crook Masonic Temple. Revenue would be from water service charge and prevailing tax rate. Location was shown on map.

There being no one to speak for or against proposed annexation, public hearing was closed.

It was moved, seconded and unanimously carried that as all land owners requested annexation, Board of Directors of Fall River Mills Community Services District be authorized to annex said territory without notice and hearing, and without an election.

PUBLIC HEARING: FALL RIVER JOINT UNIFIED SCHOOL
DISTRICT ANNEXATION TO BURNEY COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

It was explained by Executive Officer Minton that annexation of 2.84 acres to Burney County Water District is requested for water service. Location of area shown on map. Being no one to speak for or against annexation, public hearing was closed.

It was moved, seconded and unanimously carried that as petitioner is sole landowner, Board of Directors of Burney County Water District be authorized to annex said territory without notice and hearing, and without an election, as requested.

POLICY OF LAFCO REGARDING PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Commissioner Denny questions that public hearings were being held by LAFCO when annexations were requested, as stated in the form, "without notice and hearing by said Commission." He said he was concerned that public hearing was contrary to request, and thought Commission should be guided somewhat by applications filed by petitioners, and if petitioners request action by Commission without notice and hearing, that Commission should honor that request.

Executive Officer Minton said Commission should establish a policy at this time as to hearing opponents or proponents when 100 per cent of land owners requested annexation, and form states "Without public hearing."

Counsel Rehberg said that without public hearing, only district and property owners were given opportunity to be heard. There might be others who would want to be heard, such as an affected adjoining agency or property owners, cities, etc. The Commission should establish a policy on hearing opponents and proponents in audience. He believed that even though not required by law, the Commission was, as a matter of policy, properly hearing all interested parties. He said agenda item might be entitled "Summary Hearing under Section 56261," instead of "Public Hearing."

It was moved, seconded and unanimously carried that the policy of the Local Agency Formation Commission would be to continue to hear proponents or opponents of a proposed annexation, even though annexation had been requested without public hearing by Commission, and that in the future, agenda would specify matters according to "Public Hearing" or "Summary Hearing Under Section 56261 of Government Code."

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Mr. Bush presented a petition signed by 23 Burney residents opposing formation of the hospital district.

FORMATION OF MAYERS MEMORIAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT (CONTINUED)

Mr. H.E. Boyett, District Manager of Pacific Gas & Electric Company, said that as his company has about 62 per cent of the assessed valuation, it has a vital interest in formation of the district. Its tax exposure could amount to approximately \$36,000 which is not commensurate with the number of its employees in the district. He felt it would be double taxation for taxpayers in the area as taxes are already being paid for the Shasta General Hospital.

Counsel Rehberg outlined duties and responsibilities of LAFCO and follow-up by the Board of Supervisors.

Being no one further to speak for or against, public hearing was closed.

Commissioner Wagoner said that one of the prime concerns of LAFCO was that the boundaries be feasible and reasonable. As this is so, he moved for approval of the boundaries of Mayers Memorial Hospital District as submitted. Seconded by Morgan, unanimously carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m. by unanimous vote.

April 28, 1967

TO: C.J. Ferreira, Chairman

FROM: Bill G. Minton

The Board of Directors of Meyers Memorial Hospital is proposing the formation of a hospital district. The proposed district boundaries would be the same as those of the Fall River Joint Unified School District.

Commissioner Norman A. Wagoner, in whose supervisorial district most of the hospital district would be located, has asked County Counsel Robert A. Rehberg for an opinion on the authority of LAFCO and the Board of Supervisors regarding formation of a hospital district. For your information, I am enclosing a copy of that opinion.

This will be heard before LAFCO at the regular meeting, 7:15 p.m., May 10.

Bill G. Minton

BGM:C
Enclosure
cc: All Commissioners

Memorandum

OFFICE OF
ROBERT A. REHBERG, COUNTY COUNSEL

TO Commissioner Norman A. Wagoner

DATE 4/27/67

FROM Robert A. Rehberg

RE: Authority of
the LAFC and
Board of Super-
visors regarding
formation of a
hospital district

You have asked for a brief summary of the functions of LAFC and the Board of Supervisors in the formation of a hospital district. The Reorganization Act of 1965 does not initially apply to the formation of a district unless it is part of a reorganization.

The county with the greatest portion of land to be included within the proposed hospital district is the organizing county. Health and Safety Code Section 32003; Government Code Sections 54775 and 54779.

Upon presentation of a proper application LAFC may approve or disapprove with or without amendment wholly, partially or conditionally, such proposal.

In its discretion LAFC may approve the formation conditioned upon compliance with the Reorganization Act as if such proposal were originally required to be processed by that Act. G.C. §54790.1.

If approved by LAFC, proceedings for formation of the district may be initiated. G.C. §54791. These proceedings must be in compliance with the conditions imposed by LAFC. G.C. §54797.

Formation of a hospital district is now governed by the District Organization law. H. & S. C. §32002; G.C. §58000 et. seq.

The Board of Supervisors on receipt of the petition must call a preliminary hearing (G.C. §58060) and a final hearing (G.C. §58090 et. seq.). At the final hearing owners of land may request in writing exclusion or inclusion of all or part of their land. Per Section 58103, if more than half the total assessed valuation is requested to be excluded, the Board must terminate the proceeding.

Government Code Section 58105 provides that if the Board of Supervisors determines the project is feasible, economically sound and for the public interest, it must fix the boundaries of the proposed district. G.C. §58110 also empowers the Board to name the district. If these tests are not met, the Board may terminate the proceedings (G.C. §58105.1). G.C. §58106 provides as follows:

"Exclusion of lands not benefited: Findings as to benefit: Lands which may be included: Effect of exclusion of land. At the final hearing the supervising authority shall exclude any land which it finds will not be benefited by the proposed project and shall make a specific finding as to each parcel

of land with respect to which a written request for exclusion has been presented on the question of whether it will or will not be benefited by the proposed project. In making such finding the supervising authority shall consider present use of such land, reasonable prospective use, topography, the nature of the proposed improvements, and any other pertinent factors. The present use of lands for rights-of-way for railroads, power and communication lines, or other public utility facilities shall be presumed by the supervising authority to be permanent.

The supervising authority may include any land if it finds that the land will be benefited and that its inclusion will be to the interest of the district.

If lands are excluded by the supervising authority pursuant to this section, such lands shall not thereafter be annexed to or included in the district in the absence of a finding, based on substantial evidence, of a change in the circumstances upon which the decision to exclude such lands was based."

Notwithstanding the above, the LAFC Act (G.C. §54797 and 54799.1) prohibits the Board of Supervisors from making any changes in boundaries approved by LAFC unless such changes are approved by LAFC upon application by the Board of Supervisors.

After the approval of the proposal and setting of the boundaries, the Board of Supervisors calls an election on the formation (G.C. §58130, et. seq.).

This procedure cannot be used as a guide for other types of districts.

RAR/rh
cc: Bill G. Minton

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Before the Shasta County
Local Agency Formation Commission

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on May 10, 1967, at 7:15 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, in the Chambers of the Board of Supervisors, Shasta County Court House, Redding, California, the Shasta County Local Agency Formation Commission will hold a public hearing to consider the proposed formation of MAYERS MEMORIAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT. A copy of the proposal, property description and map are on file in the office of the Commission, Room 108, County Executive Office, Shasta County Court House.

Boundaries of proposed MAYERS MEMORIAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT are same as Fall River Joint Unified School District.

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS may appear and be heard at said time and place. Written communications should be filed prior to the date of hearing.

LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

By Bill G. Minton
Bill G. Minton,
Executive Officer

April 24, 1967

C of C opposes hospital district formation now

BURNEY — The Burney Chamber of Commerce voted last night to oppose the formation of a proposed hospital district for Mayers Memorial Hospital in Fall River Mills "at the present time."

Members of the hospital's board have suggested forming a district which would follow the boundaries of the Fall River Joint Unified School District. Residents of the district would pay taxes to support the hospital.

An election of residents is necessary to form the district. The hospital board members have said that taxes would cost from 5 to 10 cents on each \$100 assessed valuation.

At last month's chamber meeting a committee of two was appointed to study the proposed district and to make recommendations. The committee members, William Welder and Les Blew, made their report to the chamber last night.

"Burney cannot, as of now, support the proposed hospital district," said the report. The committee members added that they believed a sewer system and educational program in Burney need the tax funds more than a hospital does.

"With the proliferation of these districts it is becoming more difficult to obtain monies for purposes we feel are more

important to Burney than a "marginal" hospital in McArthur or Fall River Mills."

The committee suggested that the hospital board investigate the possibility of making Mayers Memorial Hospital a branch of Shasta County Hospital.

The proposed hospital district received much discussion at last night's meeting. Several motions were made that Burney be deleted from the district, but the motions weren't seconded.

Jim Bush, a member of the chamber, said that many large landowners in the Burney area are opposed to forming "a hospital district here to support a hospital up there." Fall River Mills is 16 miles from Burney.

The chamber had invited candidates for the Fall River Joint Unified School District to last night's meeting. All three failed to show up. Residents are to vote today for two trustees. Candidates are Ellen Taylor of McArthur and Edward Hathaway of Burney, incumbents, and Virgil Davis of Burney.

In other business, the chamber:

- Voted to sponsor a photography contest to secure seven new colored photographs of the Burney area. The pictures will be used in a brochure to be printed this year. Winners will be awarded \$10 prizes. Judges

will be Alver Olsen, C. C. Hughes and Dennis Smith. Further information on the contest may be obtained from Les Morgan, 335-2224.

- Formed a committee to study the possibility of changing the meeting date of the chamber. The May meeting also was canceled since the chamber will be cohosting the May meeting of Inter-Counties Chamber of Commerce of Northern California. The meeting will be in Fall River Mills.

- Decided to ask the county supervisors to put "yield" or "stop" signs at all streets entering into Tamarack, Hudson and Marquette streets.

- Voted to ask that state Division of Highways to extend the 45-mile zone on Highway 299 east of Burney to include the intersection of Black Ranch Road.

- Learned that the chamber officials plan to ask the county for Burney's share in the hotel-motel tax. This would be used for advertising.

- Learned that representatives of Shasta County chambers of commerce will meet in the Redding chamber office at noon tomorrow to discuss state highway improvements and county advertising. Attending the meeting will be Irvin Toler, Joe Harris and Les Morgan of Burney.

April 11, 1967

Mr. Dennis Smith, Editor
Inter-Mountain News
1319 Main Street
Burney, California

Dear Mr. Smith:

The enclosed legal notice is to be published once, April 20, contingent upon our receiving papers from Mayers Memorial Hospital District not later than 5:00 p.m., April 17, and is being sent to you now because of the tight time schedule.

If the papers are not received by that time, we will call and cancel the publication. However, if we do not call you by 5:00 p.m., April 17, please publish the enclosed notice in your paper on April 20.

Affidavit of publication in duplicate and your invoice are to be sent to this office.

Thank you.

Yours very truly,

Bill G. Minton
Executive Officer

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the Shasta County Local Agency Formation Commission of a public hearing to consider the proposed formation of the Mayers Memorial Hospital District.

Notice is further given that said public hearing will be held ^{3:00 p.m.} May 10, 1967, at 7:15 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard in the Chambers of the Board of Supervisors, Shasta County Court House, Redding, California, at which time and place any persons interested may appear and be heard.

A copy of the proposal, together with a property description and map, is on file in the office of the Commission, Room 108, County Executive Office, Shasta County Court House, Redding, California.

Bill G. Minton, Executive Officer
Local Agency Formation Commission

To be published once - April 20, 1967

FEDERAL AGENCY INFORMATION COMMISSION

COUNTY OF SHASTA

Date April 10, 1967

TO: Robert O. McMillen
County Assessor

FROM: Bill G. Minton
Executive Officer

SUBJECT: Formation of Mayers Memorial Hospital District

TAC 077-001 to 077015 inclusive

PLEASE ADVISE:

Special districts located within boundaries of proposed annexation (excluding school districts)

Pine Grove Mas. Cem. et.

Burney Cemetery ✓

Fall River Mills Cemetery ✓

Willville Masonic & Odd Fellows Cemetery
(cont below)

Incorporated city located within three miles of boundaries

None

Pacific Gas & Electric Company or Southern Pacific lands located within boundaries

P. G. & E. ✓

Thank you.

Other Comments:

Special districts cont

Pine Grove Cemetery ✓

Burney Fire ✓

Fall River Mills Co. Fire ✓

Mc Arthur Fire ✓

Burney Hwy Lighting

Fall River Mills Hwy Lighting

Co. Water Agency

Mc Arthur Light Maint.

Fall River Mills Comm. Ser. Maint.

Burney Co. Water

B/S - Lussow Co.

Modco Co. ✓

Ed Brute - Insurance ✓
Bch. Dms

Norman A. Wagoner

Bill G. Minton

March 16

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Yesterday morning at 11:55 I received a call from Ed Bruce who said he had received a call from PG&E requesting deletion of some of their facilities from the proposed Mayers Memorial Hospital District.

Ed asked that work on the application for the proposed hospital district be held up, and said he would advise me when he wished to pursue the application.

We will keep the application in the pending file until we hear further from Ed Bruce.

Bill G. Minton

BGM:C

Legal boundaries Mayers Memorial Hospital District.

January 11, 1949

DESCRIPTION OF THE FALL RIVER CHIEFLD SCHOOL DISTRICT

Beginning at the point on the Northern boundary of Shasta County in Township 39 North where it intersects the range line common to Ranges 4 East and 5 East, M.D.B.&M. said range line also being the boundary line between Modoc and Siskiyou Counties, and running thence North on said range line to the Northwest corner of Section 19, T. 40 N., R. 5 E.; thence Easterly on section lines to the range line common to Ranges 5 East and 6 East; thence South on said range line to the Northwest corner of Section 30, T. 38 N., R. 6 East said corner being located on the boundary line between Shasta and Lassen Counties; thence Easterly on Section lines to the Northeast corner of Section 27, T. 38 N., R. 6 East; thence Southerly on section lines to the Township line between Townships 36 and 37 North; thence Easterly on and along said Township line to the Northwest corner of Section 6, T. 36 North, Range 7 East; thence Southerly on the range line between Ranges 6 East and 7 East to the Southwest corner of Section 18, T. 36 North, Range 7 East; thence Easterly on and along section lines to the range line common to Ranges 8 East and 9 East; thence Southerly on said range line to the township line between Townships 35 North and 36 North; thence Easterly on said township line to the northeast corner of fractional section 8, T. 35 North, Range 9 East; thence Southerly on section lines to the Southeast corner of Section 17, T. 34 North, Range 9 East; thence Westerly on Section lines to the range line common to Ranges 8 East and 9 East; thence Southerly on said range line to the township line common to Townships 33 North and 34 North; thence Westerly on said township line to the Southwest corner of Township 34 North, Range 6 East; thence Southerly on the range line common to Ranges 5 East & 6 East to the Northeast corner of township 32 North Range 5 East; thence Westerly on the North boundary line of Township 32 North to the Northwest corner of Section 5, Township 32 North, Range 5 East; thence Southerly on and along section lines to the Southeast corner of Section 19 same Township and Range; thence Westerly on the South boundary of said Section 19 to the Range line common to Ranges 4 East and 5 East; thence Southerly on and along said range line to the Southeast corner of Section 24, T. 32 North, Range 4 East; thence Westerly on and along section lines to the Southwest corner

of Section 21, same township and range; thence Northerly on and along section lines to the township line common to townships 32 North and 33 North; thence Westerly on said township line to the Southwest corner of T. 33 North, Range 1 East; thence Northerly on the range line common to ranges 3 East and 4 East to the Northwest corner of Township 33 North, Range 1 East; thence Westerly on the Township line common to Townships 33 North and 34 North to the Southwest corner of Section 34, T. 34 North, Range 2 East; thence Northerly on and along section lines to the township line common to townships 34 North and 35 North; thence Westerly on said township line to the range line common to Ranges 1 East and 2 East; thence Northerly on and along said range line to the Northeast corner of Section 13, Township 35 North, Range 1 East; thence Westerly on and along section lines to the Southwest corner of Section 11 same township and range; thence Northerly on and along section lines to the township line common to townships 35 North and 36 North, in Range 1 East; thence Easterly on said township line to the Southeast corner of Section 34, T. 36 North, Range 1 East; thence Northerly on and along section lines to the centerline of the Pit River; thence Easterly on and along the centerline of the Pit River to the range line common to ranges 1 East and 2 East; thence Northerly on and along said range line to the boundary line between Shasta County and Siskiyou County; thence Easterly on and along said County boundary line to the point of beginning.

The above described area being a portion of Shasta, Modoc and Lassen Counties and includes the following school districts:

Modoc County-- Little Hot Springs Elementary School District

Lassen County-- McArthur Joint Union and Dixie Valley School Districts

Shasta County-- Albion, Fall River, Fall River Mills, Fort Crook, Hat Creek, Island, Lincoln, Lindsay, McArthur Joint Union, Mt. Burney, Pacific, Pit River and Wilcox School Districts.

State finds nine deficiencies in Mayers Hospital checkup

FALL RIVER MILLS — A state Bureau of Hospitals investigator has found nine deficiencies in the operation of Mayers Memorial Hospital.

The institution, operated by the nonprofit Mayers Memorial Hospital Association, must comply with state requirements to keep its license.

The deficiencies are:

- Patients are kept in a room near the reception area, which is not designed for such use.

- Hospital employees are not getting the required pre-employment and annual health examinations.

- A plan for coping with disasters and mass casualty accidents must be adopted.

- Adequate medical records are not being kept on patients.

- A registered nurse is not on duty all the time.

- Two food refrigerators lack thermometers.

- The dishwasher reaches only 160 degrees temperature instead of the required 180.

- Well water used by the hospital has not been checked frequently enough by an independent laboratory for bacteriological count.

- The hospital still must adopt a written manual setting forth its cleaning, disinfecting and sterilizing techniques.

The hospital is licensed by the state. The bureau has asked the hospital association directors to report in a letter whether it intends to comply with the requirements, and how it will do it.

The hospital association is still trying to get a federal grant to help operate the institution. Mayers Hospital was built in the

1950's with public contributions. It lay empty until it was leased in 1962 by Redding Memorial Hospital Corp. The Redding firm dropped it Oct. 31 after the state Bureau of Hospitals found eight deficiencies in its operation, four of which Redding Memorial said it couldn't correct.

The Mayers Association has been operating the hospital since Nov. 1. It is desperate for money to meet expenses, though some employes are working for less than full pay.

Bureau of Hospital officials say only one of the nine requirements set forth in the latest report may prove difficult for the Mayers Association to meet.

That is the one requiring around-the-clock supervision of the hospital by a registered

nurse. Registered nurses are hard to find nowadays in areas such as Fall River Valley, the state officials say.

Whole area pulls together

To the Editor: The display of community spirit was a wonderful thing to see last Saturday night when the I.O.O.F. Lodge of Fall River Mills sponsored the benefit for the Mayers Memorial Hospital.

There were so many events taking place the same evening that it was almost unbelievable that we could have so huge a crowd.

Along with the Odd Fellows, you could see evidence of the Rebekahs, McArthur Grange, Fall River Lions, McArthur Fall River P.T.A., Fall River V.F.W., Cloverleaf 4-H, and women from the Fall River and McArthur churches, plus many individuals who were in no way connected with any organization, but who spent hours of labor in one way or another helping to

get everything set up ready to go.

Chef Maurice Viguier, assisted by Ray Ayers, spent three days making the many preparations, cooking, and setting up the serving of a wonderful meal. So many thanks go to these people and the others who did the actual serving, and the big job of dish washing and cleaning up.

Another bit of evidence of the togetherness of this project was the showing of people from the areas of Big Valley, Hat Creek, Burney, Little Valley and the Fall River Valley. Also the fact that donations of all kinds came from Oregon as well as several different areas of California.

EDWARD F. BRUCE
Chairman of the Board
Mayers Memorial Hospital
McArthur, Calif.

Community stunned by hospital closing

By GARTH SANDERS
Regional Editor

McARTHUR — The news that Mayers Memorial Hospital will be closed Oct. 31 has stunned the Intermountain community.

"We've got a hell of a problem on our hands," Ed Bruce, chairman of the Mayers Memorial Hospital Association, said yesterday.

The closure means that patients will have to go 70 miles to Redding for hospitalization and that the Mayers Association will again have an empty \$100,000 building on its hands—a building that is costly to maintain. For the Mayers building reverts to the association whenever Redding Memorial Hospital Corp. abandons it.

There's a feeling of frustration among the people here. Many of them feel that something might have been worked out if the management of the Redding hospital firm would sit down in conference with community leaders from Burney, Fall River Mills and McArthur, the areas that desperately need Mayers Memorial Hospital.

"Nobody has even offered to sit down with us," Bruce said yesterday as he worked on a truck in his McArthur farm equipment shop.

Bruce said the community might be able to come up with help needed to keep Mayers Hospital operating if Redding Memorial Hospital's management would only communicate with it.

Bruce was notified of the impending closure of Mayers by a letter Wednesday from Robert R. Roberts, secretary of the Redding Hospital firm.

Roberts' letter, rather bitter in tone, came in the wake of an investigation of the hospital by a state Bureau of Hospitals agent, who ordered eight improvements made in operation of Mayers.

Four of the state requirements could not be met, Roberts' letter said. These would have required a registered nurse on duty around the clock, completion of medical records, a licensed laboratory technician and that nursery personnel not be permitted to do other duties.

Sufficient registered nurses are unavailable, completion of medical records are the responsibility of the doctors, the Mayers laboratory was discontinued because of lack of use and it would be ridiculous to keep three attendants restricted to the nursery when it has an average population of only one baby, Roberts' letter said.

There are puzzling aspects to the closure.

Almont St. John, secretary of the Mayers Memorial Hospital Association, says he has always understood that the 12-bed building was too small to break even on costs. But in 1962, shortly after the Redding firm took over the Mayers, it was planning a 20-bed, \$100 addition to the building.

"I was hoping that somebody from their board (Redding Memorial) would contact us about coming down," St. John said yesterday.

The explanation for the closing of the Mayers' laboratory is also puzzling, because Buford Greene, the hospital laboratory technician, has since opened his own laboratory in Fall River Mills.

What happened between the honeymoon of the Redding firm and in 1962 and the hard realities of impending divorce in 1966?

It is hard to find out; the Redding hospital firm only releases its announcements through Blaine Graham, news director of Television Station, KRCR who denounces all critics of the hospital firm and defends its actions. Roberts has been unreachable to the Record-Searchlight most of the time and all of the time to the Intermountain News, the Burney newspaper that first disclosed the dissatisfaction of Dr. W. L. Howlett of Burney and Dr. John Lott of Fall River Mills with the way the hospital was being operated.

Dennis Smith, editor-publisher of the Inter Mountain News, seems unperturbed by the ruckus over the hospital. "If it closes, I think it's important to get it reopened under the proper kind of management," he said yesterday.

"In this business, you get used to being criticized," Smith said of Graham's criticism of him. "I think we did a good news job and we tried to be constructive . . . I think this is the only obligation a newspaper has."

The Fall River Valley Chamber of Commerce commended the Inter Mountain News Sept.

12 for bringing the hospital difficulty to light, Smith said. "So I think it indicated generally that most people felt it was a good thing to get it out in the open."

"We regret that our efforts have been in vain and have resulted in such vituperation," Roberts' letter to Bruce says.

"May we strongly suggest that the complaining doctors be given the opportunity to operate the facility" Roberts' letter said.

Dr. Lott said he was surprised that the hospital dispute had resulted in the decision to close the institution.

Dr. Lott said he and Dr. Howlett had felt it was futile to talk with Roberts about the hospital's problems. "We have both written letters in the past stating that . . . Mr. Bonney (Boyd Bonney, manager of Mayers Memorial Hospital, had no business administering the hospital . . . our letters to Roberts were never answered."

Nurses complained to Bonney about conditions at the hospital, but "nothing ever changed," Dr. Lott told the Record-Searchlight yesterday.

Roberts has said that Mayers Hospital has lost money for his firm.

"Maybe they've been waiting for an opportunity to come along to close it," Dr. Lott said.

Part of the difficulty in keeping registered nurses at Mayers can be blamed on personality clashes, Dr. Lott charged. The complaints of the hospital would never have been made public in the Inter Mountain News if Bonney had shown a willingness to discuss them," Dr. Lott said.

"We feel that if the people of the area had grown to like the hospital, it would have been much more successful.

"I won't really believe they are going to close it until they do," he said.

The directors of Mayers Memorial Hospital Association will have an emergency meeting at 7:30 p.m. Monday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Dimmick at Glenburn to discuss the problem.

State investigates FRM hospital

FALL RIVER MILLS — A state investigator has inspected Mayers Memorial Hospital here in the wake of complaints by two doctors about sanitary and administrative problems at the hospital.

And the hot question of the hospital's condition will be aired at 7:30 p.m. today by directors of the Mayers Memorial Hospital Association, Inc., which built the institution years ago with public contributions, then

turned it over to Memorial Hospital Corp. of Redding to operate.

The meeting will be held at the Glenburn ranch home of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Dimick. Mrs. Dimick is secretary to the association directors.

Leroy Fitzsimmons, field agent for the state Bureau of Hospitals, was in Fall River Mills Monday and Tuesday, the Record-Searchlight has learned.

George Morrison, a state Bur-

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eau of Hospitals supervisor, said he will release Fitzsimmons' report as soon as he receives and reviews it. H said he does not know what is in the report yet.

"What has happened is this—there has filtered into the department some reports concerning the hospital," Morrison told the Record-Searchlight today.

Fitzsimmons' inspection was made to determine if the hospital is complying with state regulations, he said.

The uproar over the hospital was kicked off last week by Dr. W. L. Howlett of Burney and Dr. John Lott of Fall River Mills, who complained that the hospital's bedding was not being changed daily, that it lacked hot water, that food was poor, that X-ray service was poor and that nurse's aides lacked training. The doctors also suggested that Boyd Bonnie, the hospital administrator, should be replaced.

Robert R. Roberts, adminis-

trators of Redding Memorial Hospital, which operates Mayers Memorial Hospital, has said that most of the complaints were unjustified and that some were untrue.

The Mayers Memorial Hospital Association still acts as trustee for the hospital property under the agreement of sale to Memorial Hospital of Redding. If the building ceases to be used as a hospital, it will revert to the Mayers association.

At Mayers Memorial

Hospital directors seek time to resolve problems

10/4/66
FALL RIVER MILLS — Mayers Memorial Hospital Association directors last night asked for a 30-day extension of the proposed Oct. 31 hospital closing date.

In a plea for time to work out the hospital's problems, the association directors said they feel it's an "absolute necessity" to the community to keep it open.

The directors charged in a letter of reply to Robert R. Roberts, manager of Memorial Hospital in Redding, that the "personality of the administrator and the superintendent of nurses (his wife) was responsible for the decrease of doctor and

patient use at the hospital."

The Redding hospital corporation leases the Fall River Mills Hospital from the association. Roberts notified the association directors last week that Mayers Memorial Hospital would be closed Oct. 31 as a result of an investigation of the hospital. A state Bureau of Hospitals agent ordered eight improvements in operations.

Roberts said four of the state requirements couldn't be met.

The charge that there were personality clashes between Boyd Bonney, the hospital manager, and employees as well as doctors who use the hospital, was first made by Dr. W. L.

Howlett of Burney and Dr. John Lott of Fall River Mills.

They complained to the Inter-Mountain News, a weekly newspaper in Burney, over the way the hospital was being operated. The resulting publicity led to the state probe.

Dr. Lott has said the doctors feel that the hospital would have been more successful if people had grown to like it. He said the clashes could also be blamed for the difficulty in keeping registered nurses on the staff.

Until yesterday, the hospital association had stayed aloof from the controversy.

But individual directors had expressed dismay that Memor-

the first year of operation in 1962 and the operation during the past year. Roberts has said that the Fall River Mills hospital lost money for his firm.

The Memorial Hospital Corp. has leased the hospital on a 10-year purchase plan. If the Mayers' hospital building is abandoned by the Redding corporation, it will revert to the association.

The association directors also composed a letter to Shasta County Supervisor Norman Wagoner to ask if it is possible for the county to take over the hospital. Wagoner couldn't be reached for comment.

Bill G. Minton, the county executive officer, said the county would give such a request a thorough, objective study.

Labor group to offer Mayers hospital plan

10/18/66

The Five - County Central Labor Council will be asked tonight to urge the Shasta County Board of Supervisors to take over the operation of Mayers Memorial Hospital in Fall River Mills.

Maurice (Moe) Finn, business agent for the Building Service Employees Union, a delegate to the labor council and president of its Committee on Political Education, said he will ask the council to adopt the resolution urging a Shasta County take-over of the troubled hospital.

Finn said, "Several months ago the labor council asked the supervisors to convert the county hospital to a general hospital and open it to the public because of an acute shortage of beds in the area. The proposed resolution tonight would ask

that the Mayers hospital situation be considered in conjunction with the earlier request."

The Mayers facility faces closure Oct. 31 because of eight deficiencies in operation uncovered by the state Bureau of Hospitals in a recent investigation.

Dr. Lee Fulton, an obstetrician and gynecologist and member of the Redding City Council, said he plans to attend the labor council meeting tonight to add his support to the proposed resolution.

Dr. Fulton told the Record-Searchlight this morning: "We have to get the people interested in this. They need the beds and the county needs the beds."

"I talked to Minton (Shasta County Executive Bill G. Minton) and said I think the first step is a feasibility study.

"You can't run the hospital on a profit, but I think the county could do it more economically than a private operator."

It was reported yesterday that Mayers Memorial Hospital Association directors, original operators of the hospital who sold it on a 10-year purchase plan to Redding Memorial Hospital, have asked for a 30-day extension of the Oct. 31 closing date.

The Redding hospital corporation has said it would close the hospital rather than make the improvements ordered by the Bureau of Hospitals.

If the present operators abandon the operation, the building ownership will revert to the association.

The association also has asked the supervisors to take over operation of the hospital.

Labor council, COPE ask county to operate hospital

10/17/66

The Five-County Central Labor Council and its Committee on Political Education last night unanimously urged Shasta County supervisors to bring Mayers Memorial Hospital into the county hospital system.

The Fall River Mills facility is under threat of closure Oct. 31 because of eight deficiencies in operation discovered by a state Bureau of Hospital investigation.

Arch Merrifield, president of the labor council, said, "We are quite disturbed about the closing, because we have many members in the area. The residents there are just as entitled to county facilities as down here."

Merrifield said he intends to ask for a place on the supervisors' agenda Monday.

Dr. Lee D. Fulton, an obstetrician and Redding city councilman, appeared before the labor

group to argue in favor of a county takeover of Mayers.

Maurice (Moe) Finn, chairman of the political education committee, said, "Dr. Fulton gave good reasons why it should be done. He said that if the hospital was administered properly, it would get business. The deficiencies listed by the state would discourage both patients and doctors from utilizing the hospital."

Merrifield added: "From our own investigation and consultation with physicians, we know that a 12-bed hospital such as Mayers cannot be run on a money-making basis. On the other hand, it could be run by the county on a break-even basis.

"The hospital is necessary to the area and needed badly. It is not fair for the people of the area to have to travel 70 miles to a hospital."

Meanwhile, the Shasta County Democratic Club President Donald Demsher said yesterday his organization also will consider a resolution Oct. 18 urging the supervisors to bring the Fall River Mills hospital into the county system.

"I think it's the only answer for that hospital. I don't see any other way out," Demsher declared.

At a recent meeting, the Mayers Memorial Hospital Association directors also adopted a resolution urging the county to take over the hospital.

The association has a vested interest in the hospital. It sold the facility to Redding Memorial Hospital on a 10-year lease-purchase plan and the hospital reverts to the association of the Redding corporation abandons its operation.

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Mayers Hospital to close doors Oct. 31

FALL RIVER MILLS — Mayers Memorial Hospital will close its doors on Oct. 31.

The decision to close the hospital was made "principally because of lack of support and use," said a letter sent to Mayers directors by Robert R. Roberts, administrator of Memorial Hospital in Redding. Memorial Hospital owns and operates the Fall River Mills institution.

The shutdown of the hospital has come after officials were ordered by the state Bureau of Hospitals to make eight improvements in operation. The bureau issued the report after an investigation was made of conditions at the hospital.

Ed Bruce, chairman of the Fall River Mills hospital board of directors, told the Record-Searchlight today he received official word yesterday on the decision to close the hospital.

Bruce added he had not yet received a two-page letter on the decision from Memorial Hospital officials.

But Mrs. June Dimmick, secretary of the Fall River Mills hospital board, claimed Roberts visited Bruce yesterday and gave him a copy of the letter.

Bruce later conceded that he had a copy of the letter. He said he had denied it earlier because "I didn't want to read it to you because I didn't have time to do it."

Roberts and his assistant, Ralph Olson, were not available for comment. A spokesman for Boyd Bonney, administrator of the Fall River Mills hospital, said, "Any call on that (the closure decision) will have to come from Mr. Roberts."

Roberts' letter to the board criticized physicians in the Fall River Mills area who had complained about the hospital.

The state investigation was made after publication of complaints by Dr. W. L. Howlett of Burney and Dr. John Lott of Fall River Mills.

Told of the decision to shut down operations, Dr. Howlett said today, "I just don't know

ant mothers to drive all the way to Redding to have their babies.

Roberts said in the letter that inadequacies state investigators had found in the Mayers operation could not be corrected with the financial resources of Memorial Hospital.

The administrator earlier said that the hospital has been operated at a financial loss.

Improvements ordered by the state include a listing on patient records of patient history and evidence of a physical examination.

The bureau also ordered the hospital to employ additional workers and to obtain pre-employment and annual health examinations for all workers.

The report said non-professional employees should be supervised by a registered nurse on

all shifts. Hospital storage of clean linens near medications should be stopped, the bureau added. A stepladder was leaning against stored clean sheets on the day of the investigation.

The bureau ordered a halt to the practice of hospital aides working in the nursery being assigned to housecleaning and dietary duties.

An investigator of the bureau found the hospital's laboratory had been dismantled. The report said that general hospitals must provide space for emergency laboratory work and be equipped to perform urinalysis, complete blood counts, and hemoglobin tests.

The hospital was also ordered to adopt a manual on cleaning, disinfection and sterilizing procedures.

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Opinion Weekly paper causes hospital to improve

The Inter-Mountain News, published in eastern Shasta County, isn't a very big outfit, measured by its invested capital or the size of its staff, but it has demonstrated that the printed word can do a big job.

Doctors in Fall River Mills and Burney had complained repeatedly to the management of Redding Memorial Hospital over the handling of things at its subsidiary, Mayers Memorial Hospital, in Fall River Mills. Nothing happened until they told their troubles to Dennis Smith, publisher and editor of the News, and he published a story.

As a result the California Bureau of Hospitals has issued orders for the hospital management to make eight improvements in its operations to bring it up to "minimum standards to protect the public