

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

### **TEHACHAPI VALLEY HEALTHCARE DISTRICT**

#### **NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at 10:00 a.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, on Thursday, October 26, 2023, a public hearing (the “Public Hearing”) will be held by the Board of Directors of the Tehachapi Valley Healthcare District (the “District”) with respect to the proposed reissuance (for federal income tax purposes) of certain outstanding bonds defined below as the Bonds by the District in an aggregate principal amount of \$52,070,000, the interest on which is intended to be federally tax-exempt and exempt from State of California personal income taxes. The Bonds as so reissued are intended to qualify as “qualified 501(c)(3) bonds.” The Public Hearing is intended by the District to comply with the public approval requirement of Section 147(f) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the “Code”), and the Treasury Regulations thereunder.

In 2013, the District issued its \$50,000,000 General Obligation Bonds, Election of 2009, Series 2013 (the “2013 Bonds”), to finance a portion of the cost of a new hospital located at 1100 Magellan Drive, Tehachapi, California 93561, which opened in 2018 (the “Project”), and to pay for costs of issuance of the 2013 Bonds. In 2016, the District entered into a Master Facilities Lease (“Master Facilities Lease”), by and between the District and Adventist Health Medical Center Tehachapi (“Adventist”), a nonprofit corporation qualified under Section 501(c)(3) of the Code, and an Affiliation Agreement, by and among the District, Adventist and Adventist Health System/West, a California nonprofit religious corporation d/b/a Adventist Health, concerning the lease and use by Adventist of certain of the District’s hospital facilities (together, the “Adventist Lease”). Amounts received from Adventist were used to build a portion of the Project. In 2021, the District issued its taxable \$53,985,000 General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Election of 2009, Series 2021 (Convertible) (the “Bonds”), \$52,070,000 aggregate principal amount of which remains outstanding, to advance refund the 2013 Bonds on a taxable basis, subject to conversion, and to pay the costs of issuance of the Bonds.

The Project is owned by the District and operated by Adventist, and is used for healthcare purposes. The Bonds are general obligation bonds of the District, and Kern County is empowered and is obligated to annually levy *ad valorem* taxes, without limitation as to rate or amount, for the payment of interest on and principal of the Bonds, upon all property subject to taxation within the District (except certain personal property which is taxable at limited rates).

The Public Hearing will be held in the District’s Administrative Office Building, which is located at 116 West E Street, Tehachapi, California, 93561. Interested persons wishing to express their views on the reissuance of the Bonds, the nature or location of the Project, or the plan of refinancing for the Project, may attend the Public Hearing or participate telephonically, or, prior to the time of the hearing, submit written comments, which must be received prior to the public hearing, to Tehachapi Valley Healthcare District, Attention: Clerk of the Board, 116 West E Street, Tehachapi, California 93561. Information for participating telephonically in the Public Hearing is as follows:

Dial-in : 1-347-566-2771

Access Code: 932899372#

Date: October 26, 2023

Additional information concerning the above matter may be obtained from, and written comments should be addressed to Ms. Peggy Mendiburu, Chief Executive Officer of the District, 116 West E Street, Tehachapi, CA 93561, (661) 750-4843, [pmendiburu@tvhd.org](mailto:pmendiburu@tvhd.org).

Date: October 18, 2023