

## LINDSAY LOCAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT A California Special District for Health Care

### Frequently Asked Questions

#### WHAT IS THE LINDSAY LOCAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT?

It is a special district formed in 1959, that was formed for the purpose of providing and assisting with the provision of health facilities and services, wellness and prevention programs, and other health care services necessary for the maintenance of good physical and mental health for the benefit of residents within the district boundaries.

#### WHAT IS A SPECIAL DISTRICT?

A special district is a division of government that is created by local residents to provide certain and specific services, not otherwise being provided in their area. A Special District can be formed to provide for specific services where the residents vote to fund the district using a portion of the property taxes being collected.

#### WHAT ARE THE DISTRICT BOUNDARIES?

The District Boundaries go from Avenue 256 in the North to roughly Avenue 192 in the South and from Road 252 in the East to roughly Road 162 in the West. The boundaries are staggered, but the general area includes the communities of Lindsay, Plainview and Tonyville and everything in between.

#### HOW IS THE DISTRICT FUNDED?

The District's funding comes from property taxes collected within the District boundaries. Property taxes are set by law. Of the taxes collected, the County sends a portion to the Hospital District. The amount of property taxes are fixed, and the District gets a portion to be used within the District boundaries for the benefit of the residents there.

#### WHY IS THERE A HOSPITAL DISTRICT WHEN THERE IS NO HOSPITAL FACILITY?

Years ago the residents wanted to provide funding for a hospital for the Lindsay area. After the District was formed, the Lindsay District Hospital was established. It was a separate business entity assisted by District funding. Over the years, as costs and overhead increased more and more, the hospital became unable to operate even with the District's assistance. It was forced to close, but Sierra View District Hospital (Porterville) came in to operate the Hospital. After several more years, Sierra View found the same picture, and the hospital closed altogether.

#### WHAT DOES THE SPECIAL DISTRICT DO WITHOUT A FUNCTIONING HOSPITAL?

California law controls what Health Care Special Districts can fund and assist with. The Lindsay Local Hospital District funds and assists local health care providers, wellness operations, and other allowed activities for the benefit of residents of the District. The Lindsay Wellness Center is a large part of what the District assists with, while assisting and helping other health providers and local services.