



## **How Measure C Works**

Measure C, is a special parcel tax approved by the voters in 2018 to support essential healthcare services in the Mendocino Coast Healthcare District (MCHCD). The funds generated by Measure C may be spent only for vital health care services such as maintaining emergency room services, ambulance and 911 services, recruiting and retaining qualified medical staff, and making critical repairs and upgrades to hospital facilities and equipment. Measure C funds cannot be used for administrators' salaries, pensions, or benefits.

The Measure C property tax is currently approved for a period of twelve years and will expire on June 30, 2030.

Measure C promised “independent taxpayer oversight” to ensure funds are used for the purposes the voters approved. The Measure C Oversight Committee acts as an independent body tasked with reviewing expenditures and reporting to the taxpayers on whether those expenses align with Measure C's criteria. The Committee's job is to verify that funds were used correctly and report to the District Board —not to make initial spending decisions.

## **How the Money Flows:**

### **1. Tax Collection:**

Each year, Measure C generates approximately \$1.5 million through parcel taxes at a rate of \$144 per parcel. The County collects these taxes on the property tax bill, retaining about 2% as a service fee.

### **2. Fund Management:**

The tax revenue is deposited into designated bank accounts. Historically, all Measure C funds were placed into the hospital's Tri-Counties Bank account. During the lease term, funds were placed into a Wells Fargo Account managed by Adventist Health. Currently, a separate Tri-Counties account, managed by the District, has been opened specifically for Measure C funds, ensuring more transparency and better tracking. This account earns interest income and is structured to be FDIC-insured.

### **3. District Expenditures:**

The MCHCD Board reviews funding proposals and has sole discretion to decide how the Measure C funds are spent. The Board makes decisions on necessary projects—primarily focused on deferred maintenance and capital improvements critical for keeping the hospital licensed, accredited, and operational. The “Accountability Measures” in Measure C are very specific, and require the Board to apply certain criteria before approving expenditures.

## **Oversight Committee's Role:**

The Measure C Oversight Committee's role is not to propose or approve spending decisions beforehand but rather to review them afterward to ensure they comply with Measure C's intended uses.

## MCHCD MEASURE C FUNDING



**Measure C Parcel Tax generates approximately \$1.5 million annually and expires June 30th, 2030**



**MCHCD Board approves Measure C expenditures requested by Adventist Health**



**Measure C funds are spent on:**

- maintaining local emergency room services;
- attracting and retaining high quality doctors and nurses;
- maintaining local ambulance and related 911 services;
- making critical repairs and upgrades to medical equipment/facilities;
- maintaining local surgical services; and
- maintaining local obstetric services.



**Measure C Oversight Committee reviews expenditures spent with Measure C dollars to ensure funds were spent as voters intended**