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ANTELOPE VALLEY HEALTHCARE DISTRICT BOARD NAMES NEW “ADVISORY BOARD” MEMBERS

(LANCASTER, CA – February 10, 2010) — On Tuesday, January 26, 2010, the Antelope Valley Healthcare District Advisory Board met for its inaugural meeting. The Antelope Valley Healthcare District Board of Directors hand-picked and voted on each candidate for the Advisory Board.

The Advisory Board was originated at the recommendation of the Financial Security Assurance (FSA), with whom Antelope Valley Hospital (AVH) holds bonds. Before the remarkable financial turnaround of AVH, consultants were brought in to make recommendations to get the hospital back to financial stability. One of the recommendations was to form an Advisory Committee, separate from the publicly-elected Board of Directors, consisting of appointed community members with expertise in their fields.

The Association of California Healthcare Districts (ACHD) is also recommending development of advisory panels for all district hospitals in California, stating that inviting community leaders to sit on an advisory panel will strengthen the affiliation with the District. This encourages the publicly elected board to adopt a voluntary code of public responsibility that emphasizes fiduciary duty and professional expectation.

The committee consists of two existing board members, June Snow, RN, and John Manning; M.D., the president of the medical staff, Doddanna Krishna, M.D., FACP, FCCP; AVH Chief Financial Officer, Dennis Empey; and AVH Chief Executive Officer, Edward Mirzabegian. The community-appointed members include:

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Ian A. Mackenzie – *Embedded Software Engineer, Sr. Staff, Lockheed Martin*

With over two decades of software development experience on programs at Edwards Air Force Base and at Lockheed Martin in Palmdale, Mr. Mackenzie brings the outside expertise of the aerospace industry to Antelope Valley Hospital.

Ralph V. Bozegian – *Owner of Coldwell Banker Bozegian Realty*

Mr. Bozegian currently manages 55 agents and his company has been voted Best Real Estate Company for 12 consecutive years by the AV Press readership. He is a long-time resident in the Antelope Valley and sits on many charitable boards, including the Antelope Valley Boys and Girls Club, United Way and Antelope Valley YMCA.

Colonel Janet T. Taylor – *Commander, 95th Medical Group, Edwards Air Force Base*

As Commander, Colonel Taylor is responsible for outpatient clinics and base paramedic service, supporting 20,000 beneficiaries and operational Research, Development, Test & Evaluation (RDT&E) of air and space systems at the Air Force Flight Test Center.

Josh Mann – *Executive Director, Antelope Valley Board of Trade (AVBOT)*

As AVBOT's Executive Director, Mr. Mann is responsible for running the day-to-day operations of the regional, non-profit economic development and business advocacy organization. Dedicated to his community, he serves as the president of the BLVD Association, Lancaster's downtown business association and chapter president of the Antelope Valley Jaycees. He is also member of the Antelope Valley Family YMCA Board of Managers and of Antelope Valley Hospital's Finance Committee.

John Currado – *Co-owner, Currado Insurance Agency, Inc. / Allstate Financial, LLC*

As a resident of the Antelope Valley since 1947, Mr. Currado and his wife Lani decided to make Lancaster their home and establish their insurance agency in 1973. As a community activist, he is currently serving on the AVBOT board of directors and as the Antelope Valley Chambers of Commerce parade chairman. He is also past president of Lancaster-West Rotary; past president of Antelope Valley College Foundation and

current alumni chairman; past director of AV Boys & Girls Club, GAVAR and the American Red Cross; past chairman and director of the United Way; past director of Lancaster Performing Arts Center; and twice past president of the Antelope Valley Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors.

Carol A. Reukauf – *Assistant Associate Director of Programs, NASA Dryden Flight Research Center (retired)*

Recently retired from NASA, Ms. Reukauf served on the research Center's executive team for program/project management. Earlier in her lengthy career she led policy development and ensured effective flow down and implementation of the Agency policy and procedural requirements in the Center's operations. She also managed a number of advanced flight research projects and conducted research related to air-breathing propulsion. An active pilot, she is a member of the "99s" women pilots organization, Association of Aeronautics and Astronautics, and the Experimental Aircraft Association.

The Advisory Committee is set to meet once per month, or as needed, in an open, public forum and will vote on items before they are presented to the publicly-elected Antelope Valley Healthcare District Board of Directors. The next public meeting of the Advisory Committee will be held on February 25, 2010 at 12:00 p. m., in the Antelope Valley Hospital Board Room.

About Antelope Valley Hospital

Celebrating more than 50 years of caring for the community, Antelope Valley Hospital, a facility of Antelope Valley Healthcare District, is a non-profit, 420-bed hospital that was founded in 1955. The hospital is dedicated to providing quality care and services to everyone in the Antelope Valley. AV Hospital is located at 1600 West Avenue J in Lancaster, California. For further information, please visit www.avhospital.org or call (661) 949-5000.

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