

Existing Facility Facts

The existing hospital was built in 1952 and commissioned for use in 1954

Seneca Hospital is located at 130 Brentwood Drive, Chester Ca.

Seneca Hospital serves the entire Lake Almanor Basin and surrounding communities and is northwestern Plumas County's only Healthcare Facility.

The existing facility does not comply with SB 1953 seismic requirements.

http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/93-94/bill/sen/sb_1951-2000/sb_1953_bill_940922_chaptered

Retrofitting the existing building would cost almost as much as building a new facility and the hospital would not remain open during the remodeling process.

The HVAC, medical gas systems, medical air, surgery air circulation (circa 1983) do not provide optimal working conditions and there is no central air conditioning in the existing facility.

There are no negative pressure rooms to isolate patients with COVID and other airborne diseases.

The current nurse call system does not allow for upgrades. (circa 1970)

The fire alarm system (circa 1965) requires modernization and updates.

There are no bulk oxygen/nitrous systems for the Operation Room (Circa 1963).

There is not a central utilities plant.

Many areas of the existing facility are non-ADA compliant.

The existing facility lacks space for a centralized data center (servers, switches, backup, cooling).

The kitchen requires modernization and is limited on space. (circa 1983)

The existing facility lacks controlled building access.

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SB 1953 Facts

Earthquake risk: The USGS database shows that there is a 60.23% chance of a major earthquake within 50km of Chester, CA within the next 50 years. The largest earthquake within 30 miles of Chester, CA was a 5.7 Magnitude in 2013.

Number of acute hospitals in the Chester/Lake Almanor Area: 1

Number of hospitals in the Lake Almanor area “red tagged” as unsafe for occupancy according to SB 1953: 1

Cost per square foot of constructing a newly furnished and equipped hospital building in California is between \$750 - \$2000 depending on the use of the building area (Acute, ER, Skilled Nursing or Out-Patient)

Date by which all hospitals in California must be compliant with SB 1953 earthquake safety standards: 2030

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Common Questions About the BOND

How does Seneca plan to fund the build of the new hospital? The hospital would be built with a combination of District resources and a voter approved local general obligation bond.

What is the difference between a bond and a parcel tax? A parcel tax, taxes each parcel equally regardless of the size or value of the property. A bond is based on the county assessed value of a property.

How long would the bond be for? We are estimating that a bond would be for approximately 30 years.

What's the assessed value versus market value? Assessed values are the values on record with the county assessor's office, whereas market value is the value a home is worth according to the current real estate market.

Who votes on the bond? Registered voters of Plumas County who live within the Seneca Healthcare District (Plumas County District 3). Two-thirds voter approval is required to pass the bond. <https://www.plumascounty.us/176/Road-Operations>

How much will it cost me? The bond would be based on the assessed value of your home. The bond rate would be set at a maximum of \$80 per \$100,000 of assessed value.

Does the county receive any of the bond money? No, the bond money goes directly to build the new hospital and has community oversight.

Common Questions About the POTENTIAL NEW HOSPITAL

Where would the new hospital be located? If the bond is approved, the new hospital would be located to the northeast of the existing clinic/directly behind Wildwood.

What services would it have? The new facility would offer all our existing services including diagnostic imaging, laboratory services, SWING services, respiratory therapy, inpatient services, surgical services, emergency services, outpatient services and more.

How can I donate? There are several ways to donate to the new hospital. You can learn more information or donate directly on our website at www.senecahospital.org/donate. Gifts of cash, by check or credit card, are the most direct way to give to Seneca Healthcare District. As a special district, your gift is tax-deductible. We encourage all those considering a larger donation to contact us directly at info@senecahospital.org or 530-258-2085.

When would construction for the new hospital start? Construction is anticipated to start in the spring of 2024.

When is the hospital anticipated to open? The hospital is anticipating opening to patients by the fall of 2025.

How can I learn more information? More information can be found on our website at www.senecahospital.org or by calling 530-258-2085.