

# News from the Grossmont Healthcare District

The Grossmont Healthcare District (GHD), a public agency currently spending millions of dollars from voter-approved bonds for capital improvement construction at Sharp Grossmont Hospital in La Mesa, recently awarded contracts to two architectural firms for design work on future projects.

The GHD board of directors voted unanimously to approve a \$3.5 million agreement with Syska Hennessy Group, Inc. for design work on a new expanded central energy plant to be located near the hospital's existing Women's Center.

Scheduled for completion in November 2009, Syska's design work will include plans for a new turbine generator, steam boiler, centrifugal chiller and air and vacuum equipment. Design plans also will include replacing or upgrading two other chillers and a steam boiler that will provide heating and cooling to the Women's Center and Rehabilitation Center. After design work is completed, the next step will be construction bids and reviews to be followed by the actual construction costing an estimated \$39 million, which is expected to begin in November 2010, with completion scheduled for December 2012.

In addition, the GHD board unanimously approved a \$445,000 contract to Stantec Inc. to design medical, electrical and plumbing upgrades to the nursing unit in the hospital's existing East Tower. The upgrades will include patient room headwall replacements, new finishes, lighting, piping and toilets. After design work is completed, construction on the East Tower upgrades is not expected to begin until late 2009, with completion scheduled for January 2012.

Currently under construction is the initial construction project financed by the voter-approved bonds – a \$41 million build-out of approximately 75,000 square feet on three patient floors in the hospital's existing emergency and critical care center, which will add about 90 new patient beds. Construction is scheduled for completion in the second quarter of this year.

In June 2006, voters approved a \$247 million bond measure that will fund improvements to the hospital, which was built in 1952. The bonds are projected to fund capital infrastructure improvements through the year 2013.

Based in New York, Syska Hennessy Group is a global leader in consulting, engineering, technology and construction. Its clients have included leading corporations, educational institutions and commercial developers, as well as state, local and federal government agencies. Offices are located in 17 U.S. cities, including San Diego.

Based in Edmonton, Alberta, Stantec, with 150 locations in North America, including San Diego, provides professional consulting services in planning, engineering, architecture, interior design, landscape architecture, surveying, environmental sciences, project management and project economics for infrastructure and facilities projects.

Grossmont Healthcare District, formed in 1952 to build and operate Grossmont Hospital, supports various health-related community programs and services in San Diego's East County region, and serves as landlord of Sharp Grossmont Hospital, including ownership of the property and buildings on behalf of East County taxpayers. The District is governed by a five-member board of directors, each elected to four-year terms, who represent nearly 500,000 people residing within the District's 750 square miles in San Diego's East County. For more information about GHD, visit [www.grossmonthealthcare.org](http://www.grossmonthealthcare.org).

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