

# Valley Springs eyed for new hospital clinic

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*New location follows rejection by Angels Camp*

Valley Springs residents may have a new option for in-town health care with the planning of a potential hospital clinic on the corner Highway 26 and Vista del Lago Drive.

“We are definitely moving forward as far as evaluation,” said Daymon Doss, executive director of the Mark Twain Health Care District, which would purchase the project site. “The board has made no decision formally on the site.”

The district plans to partner with Mark Twain Medical Center to build a state-of-the-art 15,000-square-foot health care facility that would likely include more than the average clinic, with added services for physical therapy, women’s health and behavioral health.

At a public meeting Wednesday, Doss will present the health care district board with information gathered thus far in the “due diligence” phase, he said. Doss has met with Caltrans and Calaveras County Water District, plus Calaveras County supervisors and staffers. On Feb. 3, he plans to have a pre-application meeting with the county.

The Valley Springs site was first considered when two different sites in Angels Camp were rejected, most recently by the city council in 2014 after residents raised concerns over traffic circulation issues. With the new site on an open corner of a commercial area, traffic constraints are less likely.

The Mark Twain Health Care District Board of Directors will continue vetting the new potential site during its meeting from 7:30 to 10 a.m. Wednesday in Classroom 3, Mark Twain Medical Center, 768 Mountain Ranch Road, San Andreas.