



**To:** Board of Directors  
**From:** Edward Miller, President of the Board  
**Date:** November 20, 2019  
**Subject:** Suggestion of Inclusion of the Political Boundaries of Meeks Bay Fire Protection District into the Tahoe Forest Hospital District

As some of you may know, many residents of our District utilize medical services at Tahoe Forest Hospital (TFH) in Truckee, as well as their associated outpatient specialty services.

TFH is a hospital district, with political boundaries that do not include the area that comprises the MBFPD. As a result, some services provided by TFH to residents of its District may not be available to our residents. We also cannot vote for Directors of the TFH District.

As outlined on its website, Barton Memorial Hospital in South Lake Tahoe serves portions of El Dorado County California as well as Glenbrook and Markleeville, Nevada. Being a private/non-profit organization (as opposed to a District), they are within their rights to deny some vital services, such as home care, to people here in our area (north of Emerald Bay). They have stated to residents seeking such care that, "we do not provide those services to Tahoma".

I have contacted the TFH CEO's office and requested that this issue be presented to the TFH Board of Directors for discussion. Of course this change would take legislative action, just as the annexing of the Upper Emerald Bay tract by MBFPD did some years ago.

I am presenting this item for discussion with the possibility of a communique to the TFH Board recommending/endorsing inclusion of our community in their District.