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**Public Workshop on County's Preliminary Analysis of
Sutter's Revised Business Plan
July 20, 2009
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Board of Supervisors Chambers**

Santa Rosa, CA -- The Sonoma County Board of Supervisors will hold a public workshop to receive the Department of Health Service's report, *Preliminary Analysis of Sutter's 2008 Revised Business Plan* on July 20, 2009 at 9:00 A.M. in the Board of Supervisors Chambers located at 575 Administration Drive, Room 102A, Santa Rosa. Rita Scardaci, Director of the Department of Health Services, and Dr. Mary Maddux-Gonzalez, County Health Officer, will present the Department's analysis and findings. The County has posted Sutter's proposed plan and the Department's report on its website at www.sonoma-county.org/county-sutter-proposal, and welcomes public comment.

The report summarizes the Department's analysis and findings regarding Sutter's proposed revised business plan to address state seismic safety. Current law requires that the existing Chanate Hospital facility must be retrofitted, replaced or closed by 2013. Sutter determined that building a new hospital was the preferable option and in 2004 requested that the Board of Supervisors approve a business plan providing for construction of a 118 bed hospital at the Wells Fargo Center for the Arts site in Santa Rosa. Although the Board of Supervisors approved the original request, the land use approval process was not completed and this facility was never built. On November 20, 2008 Sutter submitted a revised business plan that reflects changes in the local health care environment that have occurred since 2004 and proposes to construct a smaller 70 bed hospital located at the same Wells Fargo site.

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