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**PENINSULA HEALTH CARE DISTRICT ANNOUNCES SUPPORT FOR
SAN BRUNO RESOURCE AND RECOVERY CENTER**

Center in Downtown San Bruno to Serve Residents Affected by September Pipeline Explosion

Burlingame, CA, January 28, 2011: At the regular Peninsula Health District Board meeting last evening, the Board unanimously approved a \$100,000 gift from the District to the American Red Cross to support the opening of a San Bruno Resource and Recovery Center in downtown San Bruno. This one-time gift will fund tenant improvements to a commercial space that has already been identified on San Mateo Avenue.

The San Bruno Resource and Recover Center will meet the current and future needs of residents still contending with the aftermath of the San Bruno pipeline explosion in September. This one-stop outpost will house a range of recovery resources, including case workers, mental health services, and educational information. In the future this multi-purpose facility will also host community gatherings, disaster preparedness classes, and volunteer trainings.

Harold Brooks, Chief Executive Officer of the American Red Cross Bay Area Chapter, was on hand for the announcement. "The Red Cross identified a need for a centralized, accessible location to administer long-term recovery services in order to better serve the community during this challenging time," said Brooks. "We are grateful to the District for helping to make this Center a reality, and to partner with them in our ongoing efforts to help those affected by the events of last September rebuild their lives."

"This partnership with the Red Cross hits at the core of the District's mission to provide access to needed health care services, particularly during times of great need," said District Board President Dan Ulyot. "The pipeline explosion in San Bruno is the biggest health disaster our County has faced in the past 20 years, and we must invest in the proper resources to promote a healthy future for all our residents."

At the regular Board meeting the District also awarded \$2 million in community health grants and honored three Community Health Champions for their leadership, advocacy and service: Supervisor Rose Jacobs Gibson, Leaders of the City of San Bruno, and All First Responders and their departments, and Ron Pass, Community Volunteer from Ombudsman Services of San Mateo County.

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About the Peninsula Health Care District:

Created by state legislation and launched by local voter approval in 1947, the Peninsula Health Care District serves the communities of San Bruno, Millbrae, Burlingame, Hillsborough, San Mateo and Foster City by responding to local priorities and allocating resources to programs and services that address these needs. For more information, visit www.peninsulahealthcaredistrict.org.

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