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CPMC kicks off construction of two new San Francisco hospitals
Cathedral Hill Hotel demolition scheduled

San Francisco, CA—October 29, 2013—California Pacific Medical Center’s (CPMC) CEO Warren Browner, M.D., MPH, and Sutter Health West Bay Region President Mike Cohill were today joined by San Francisco Mayor Edwin M. Lee and several members of the Board of Supervisors for a ceremony to celebrate the demolition of the former Cathedral Hill Hotel, making way for the construction of a new state-of-the-art, seismically safe hospital in the center of the city at Van Ness and Geary. This event also signifies the beginning of the process that will result in the construction of a new CPMC hospital located on the St. Luke’s campus at Cesar Chavez and Valencia.

“This is an exciting time for health care in San Francisco and a historic milestone in the 150-year history of CPMC,” Browner said. “We have an opportunity to change the delivery of care for decades to come with the construction of two new world-class hospitals housing the most advanced technology available in health care today.”

Several speakers participating in the event addressed the importance of the new hospital construction. Speakers included Mike Theriault of the San Francisco Building and Construction Trades Council; Dr. Michael Rokeach, chief of staff at CPMC; and Marilen Logan, nurse manager at CPMC’s St. Luke’s campus.

“Building two new hospitals ensures that San Franciscans continue to receive necessary care especially in the event of a major earthquake,” Cohill said. “As part of the Sutter Health family, the new CPMC hospitals will strengthen the network of high-quality health care that patients have come to expect, even during times of greatest need.”

CPMC engineers incorporated innovative technology that has been successfully used in earthquake-prone countries like Japan, and CPMC is the first hospital in California to adopt this technology.

The project also aims to fill at least 30 percent of union journeymen and apprenticeship work hours with San Francisco residents, a unique pipeline program for entry-level apprenticeship positions. The project team will work with CityBuild and the Construction Administration Professional Service Academy to fill these positions.

Construction of the new hospital at Van Ness and Geary is scheduled to begin in June 2014. Both hospitals are anticipated to open in 2019.

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