

YOUR VIEW

Vote to build a hospital

Editor,

Fifteen years ago, I was a volunteer for the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, planting catchable trout in the Merced River, near Incline.

We were given full nets of live trout (big ones up to nine pounds) to haul from the hatchery truck on Incline Road to the river over steep and unstable ground. I had an unfortunate accident and severely broke my lower leg and ankle at about 1 in the afternoon.

CDFW wardens contacted the Mariposa County Sheriff's Office, dispatched Yosemite Search and Rescue and an ambulance to the accident scene. I was body boarded, transported to a waiting ambulance to John C. Fremont Hospital Emergency Room.

During the ambulance transport, EMTs attempted to give me pain relief medication, but determined that they could not. Upon arrival at the emergency room at 2:30 p.m., I was evaluated, medicated, diagnosed and transported to a specialized hospital for my injury.

I thank all of the emergency response teams that assisted in my rescue, and especially John C. Fremont Hospital for helping to treat my injuries and achieve a full recovery.

When considering voting for Measure O, think of your family, future generations of your family, your own health benefit from the hospital and benefits to your neighbors and friends visiting from other communities of the California, the U.S. and the world.

I believe that the John C. Fremont Hospital services enhance the health and well-being of all Mariposa County residents. Please join me in voting yes on Measure O.

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