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Treasurer Lockyer Names Barbara Liebert Executive Director of California Health Facilities Financing Authority *Attorney Brings More Than a Decade of Health Care Law Experience*

SACRAMENTO – State Treasurer Bill Lockyer today announced his appointment of Barbara Liebert as Executive Director of the California Health Facilities Financing Authority (CHFFA).

“Barbara brings with her more than a decade of health care advocacy, policy work and dedication to reform,” said Lockyer. “Her experience, legal knowledge and passion will help CHFFA maintain its competitive edge and continue giving California’s hospitals and clinics low-cost solutions to increase access and provide their patients the highest level of care.”

“I am delighted to have the opportunity to work with Treasurer Lockyer and his extraordinary leadership team,” said Liebert. “During my years working on the front lines of healthcare delivery, I have been inspired by the Treasurer's efforts to extend health care financing opportunities to those in greatest need, and I am honored to become a part of this important effort.”

Prior to her appointment as Executive Director of CHFFA, Liebert operated her own law practice in Sacramento dedicated to advising a local government-funded hospital district and its affiliates in all areas of health care law. Before starting her own firm, she held positions with Bell, Sheppard & Faria, the Bell Law Corporation and served as staff counsel to the State Department of General Services. She will assume her duties as Executive Director on July 23.

Chaired by Lockyer as State Treasurer, CHFFA provides low-cost financial assistance to public hospitals and private, non-profit health care providers in California. Funding provided through CHFFA can be used for construction, remodeling or renovation, acquisition of land or existing facilities, purchase or lease of equipment, working capital for start-up facilities, and other purposes. CHFFA has financed a wide range of providers and programs throughout the state, from rural, community-based organizations to large multi-hospital systems.

In addition to traditional tax-exempt bond financing offered to hospitals and clinics, CHFFA offers several other financing options, including the HELP II loan program, which provides low-interest loans to rural and small clinics, the Children’s Hospital Grant Program and the Community Clinic Grant Program.

Liebert, 40, was born and raised in the Bay Area. She received a bachelor’s degree in Psychology from the University of California, Berkley in 1989 and a law degree from Santa Clara University in 1993. She lives in Folsom with her husband, Drew Liebert, and stepdaughter, Kelsie.

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