

# Citizens' Oversight Committee Annual Report on Measure "E"

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## Letter from the Chairman

The Citizens' Oversight Committee issues the *Citizens' Oversight Committee Report on Measure "E"* two or three times a year to keep the public informed on the progress and expenditures of the Measure "E" general obligation school facilities bond passed by the voters in 2002. This edition presents the public with the budget expenditures and status of projects report and is the Annual Report issue for 2003-04. This is the third Annual Report, issued, reviewed and approved by the Governing Board and the Citizens Oversight Committee.

Article XIII A of the California Constitution and the Education Code Section 15728 requires districts to prepare an annual report including the building fund audit for general obligation bonds passed un-

der the provisions of Proposition 39 (2000). The Building Fund (Measure E) Audited Financial Statement is not included in this report, but can be accessed through our website at [www.hemetUSD.k12.ca.us](http://www.hemetUSD.k12.ca.us) or by contacting the Hemet Unified School District at (951) 765-5100, extension 2401.

Much has happened since Measure "E", the \$60 million school facilities general obligation bond passed in March 2002. Three years after passage of the bond, four (4) of the six (6) new schools funded by the bond have been completed. One is currently under construction with opening scheduled for fall of 2005. The new Tahquitz High School will be bid on May 3, 2005. Construction will start in mid May with completion expected in fall 2007.

One of the most important factors to note is that the District has matched the \$60 million of Measure E funds with over \$85 million of State School Facilities Program Funding as planned in conjunction with the Measure E program. With the costs soaring, the District has to augment the building program with developer fees, which are paid on new housing, commercial and industrial construction.

At this time we would like to acknowledge and thank those members who have served two consecutive terms on the Committee: Gerry Agnes, Rohn West, Jim Calkins, and Margaret (Peggy) Kissack. I also will be fulfilling my two terms.

*Joe Wojcik, Chairman*  
Joe Wojcik, Chairman

## Members Needed for the Citizens' Oversight Committee

The Committee, as established by the Hemet Unified School District's Governing Board, consists of eleven (11) members. Proposition 39 mandates five of those positions must represent established categories. Members may serve two consecutive terms.

Currently five of the Committee members are completing their allow-

able terms June 30, 2005. Only one required category will remain unfilled as mandated; Category 3 – a representative from a Bona-fide Tax Payer Association. The other four members will not be required to meet any of the established categories.

In March the Governing Board will begin actively recruiting for new members. If you are interested,

please obtain an application from the Superintendent's Office by calling (951) 765-5100, extension 2434 or by visiting the district's web site at [www.hemetUSD.k12.ca.us](http://www.hemetUSD.k12.ca.us). □

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Mr. James Calkins ♦ Ms. Anna Marie Dalbey ♦ Mr. Thomas Green ♦ Ms. Peggy Kissack ♦ Mr. Rohn West

# Budget Summary

School Site	Bond Budget	State Budget	Interest	Total Budget	Projects to Date	Balance
Acacia	\$ 598,542	\$ 2,613,875	\$ 35,433	\$ 3,247,850	\$ 3,259,100	\$ (11,250)
Alternative Learning Center	65,820			65,820	65,820	-
Bautista Creek	102,283			102,283	102,283	-
Cottonwood	206,783			206,783	206,783	-
Dartmouth	27,356			27,356	27,356	-
Fruitvale	341,424			341,424	120,980	220,444
Hamilton Modernization	77,219	308,875	406	386,500	316,104	70,396
Hamilton (Bond Only)	343,601			343,601	173,323	170,278
Hemet El	1,096,555			1,096,555	1,096,555	-
Hemet High	1,862,634	6,625,254	79,809	8,567,697	8,567,697	-
Idyllwild	193,183	904,618	10,564	1,108,365	1,126,190	(17,825)
Little Lake	649,968	1,491,571	17,139	2,158,678	2,228,173	(69,495)
Ramona	378,593	1,818,513	27,945	2,225,051	2,273,509	(48,459)
Santa Fe	598,258	2,845,810	41,136	3,485,204	3,524,309	(39,105)
Valle Vista	206,569			206,569	93,188	113,381
West Valley High	194,585			194,585	194,585	-
Whittier	449,769	2,158,687	32,063	2,640,519	2,708,235	(67,716)
Winchester	145,801	705,688	7,320	858,809	866,438	(7,629)
Issuance Costs	588,714			588,714	543,554	45,160
Harmony	4,648,886	6,112,248	53,115	10,814,249	10,650,265	163,984
McSweeny	4,647,995	7,160,335	92,683	11,901,013	10,497,031	1,403,983
Cawston	7,119,681	6,425,770	134,746	13,680,197	13,894,218	(214,021)
Diamond Valley Middle	10,206,272	11,852,246	214,322	22,272,840	20,712,800	1,560,040
Tahquitz High School	21,750,371	28,748,320	60,484	50,559,175	11,546,096	39,013,078
Jacob Wiens Permanent	8,178,276	7,728,099		15,906,375	15,313,037	593,338
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$ 64,679,138</b>	<b>\$ 87,499,909</b>	<b>\$ 807,165</b>	<b>\$ 152,986,212</b>	<b>\$ 110,107,629</b>	<b>\$ 42,878,583</b>
*Developer Fee Contribution for New High School	<u>\$ (4,231,512)</u>					
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>\$ 60,447,626</u></b>					
* \$222,711.16 x 19 quarters (\$1,781,690 set aside to date)						

## Bond Issuances

The District has issued three series of bonds. Series A in June 2002, Series B in June 2003 and Series C in 2004. To date the District has issued \$48 million of the \$60 million bond authorization.

The District plans on issuing another \$6 million in June 2005 (Series D). The present tax rate assessed to retire the bond is \$.05324 per \$100 of assessed valuation, under the \$.06 per \$100 maximum allowed by law. □

## Citizens' Oversight Committee Meetings

Meetings are held in the District Office Board Room and begin at 6:30 pm. The Committee voted to meet quarterly on the 3rd Thursday of the month. The District Office, located at:

2350 West Latham Avenue  
Hemet, CA 92545

Meetings begin at 6:30 p.m. on the following dates:

- March 17, 2005
- June 9, 2005\*
- September 15, 2005
- December 15, 2005



\* Not a third Thursday due to the end of the school year

## Annual Report

The Committee has reviewed the financial expenditures of Measure E proceeds on a bi-monthly basis. Expenditure reports have indicated the site, activity, vendor, and amount of each payment. The most recent expenditure summary reviewed by the committee was December 9, 2004. These reports have been made available for public review.

The District has complied with Article XIII A, and Education Code 15728 at Section 1(b)(3) of the California Constitution as follows:

- 1) The first series of bonds (Series A) of \$23 million were issued in June 2002. Proceeds were spent only for construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, or replacement of school facilities, including furnishings and equipping of school facilities, or acquisition or lease of real property for school facilities as identified in the projects list.
- 2) The second series of bonds (Series B) of \$15 million was issued in June 2003. Proceeds were spent only on construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation or replacement of school facilities including furnishings and equipping of school facilities on acquisition or lease of real property for school facilities as identified in the projects list.
- 3) The third series of bonds (Series C) of \$10 million were issued in June 2004.
- 4) No proceeds were spent on teacher salaries, administrative salaries or on operational expenses.
- 5) An independent audit was prepared for the year ending June 30, 2004, complying with the provisions of the Education code and approved by the Citizens' Oversight Committee.
- 6) The District has made efforts to maximize the Measure E bond revenues by implementing cost-saving measures, by negotiation cost reduction in professional fees for architectural design, and use of construction management services, reuse of plans, and incorporation energy conservation measures within the school plans, and competitively bid bond issuance to obtain lowest interest rate (4.81% Series C).
- 7) The committee has been provided necessary and adequate technical assistance from District staff in order for the Committee to fulfill its legal obligations and purpose.
- 8) The agendas, minutes, and reports have been made available to the public and are posted on the website maintained by the District ([www.hemetusd.k12.ca.us](http://www.hemetusd.k12.ca.us)).
- 9) The Committee has complied with the provisions of the Ralph M. Brown Act (Brown Act) a public meetings act, including establishing the third Thursday of every other month beginning September 18, 2003, as the scheduled Committee meeting date. Meeting times are set at 6:30 p.m. November 18, 2004, meeting was rescheduled to December 9, 2004.
- 10) The Committee has toured various sites and has reviewed the progress reports on the status of all projects.

Approved December 9, 2004 by the Citizens' Oversight Committee

Joe Wojcik  
Joe Wojcik, Chairperson

Frank Lewis  
Frank Lewis, Vice Chairperson

## Project Status Summary

The District has implemented most of the projects funded under Measure “E”. Harmony and McSweeny elementary schools were complete for opening in Fall of 2003 and Cawston Elementary and Diamond Valley Middle Schools were complete and opened in fall of 2004. Also, numerous modernization and upgrades were accomplished over the past three years.

Jacob Wiens Elementary is under construction with the opening scheduled for fall 2005. The new Tahquitz High School is planned to be under construction this spring 2005 with a fall 2007 scheduled opening. The District has upgraded 17 of 18 schools with additional construction planned for Hamilton Elementary/ Middle School this Summer 2005. Besides the Cawston Elementary

School and Diamond Valley Middle School, the 2004 highlights include modernizations of Santa Fe and Acacia middle schools, Ramona, Little Lake, Idyllwild, Valle Vista, Whittier and Winchester elementary schools. This past summer \$3.5 million worth of upgrades were performed on these schools. □

Site	Expended to Date		Status
	State	Local Funds	
Acacia Middle School	\$	3,259,100	Outdoor benches purchased
Alternative Learning Center		65,820	Complete
Bautista Creek		102,283	Complete
Cottonwood		206,683	Complete
Diamond Valley Middle (new)		20,712,800	Complete
Hamilton School		489,426	Final plans are complete & construction on new classrooms is scheduled to start Spring 2005
Harmony Elementary (new)		10,650,265	Complete
Hemet Elementary		1,096,555	Complete
Hemet High		8,567,697	Complete
Idyllwild		1,126,190	Complete
Jacob Wiens (new)		15,313,037	50% complete – Opening Fall 2005
Little Lake		2,228,173	Complete
McSweeny (new)		10,497,031	Complete
Santa Fe Middle		3,524,309	Complete
Tahquitz High School (new)		11,546,096	Construction to start Spring 2005
Valle Vista		93,188	Complete
West Valley High		194,585	Complete
Winchester		866,438	Complete

## Growth and On-going School Facilities Needs

As the community is well aware, the Hemet area is experiencing much new residential construction. The Hemet Unified School District has 21,400 students and is experiencing a significant enrollment growth of nearly 8% which equates to 1,500 new students next year.

The District is starting construction on the last major Measure E project, Tahquitz High School in June 2005. With the completion of Tahquitz High School in the fall of 2007 and Jacob Wiens Elementary School completion in August 2005, the Hemet School District will have utilized the \$60 million funding provided by Measure E.

Based on the projected new homes for the next 5 years there is a \$250 million school facilities need. The District has taken active steps to maximize State funding, as is evident from the \$85 million the District is expecting to receive as part of the Measure E program. We expect the District to continue to maximize State funds and local development fees but additional local general obligation bonds will be needed to help. The District’s School Facilities Master Plan can be viewed on the District’s web page at [www.hemetusd.k12.ca.us](http://www.hemetusd.k12.ca.us). □