

# **Annual Report of the Citizens' Oversight Committee for Measure E – 2004/2005 Fiscal Year**

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 February 2, 2006. 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. 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.
- 4) The fourth series of bonds (Series D) of \$6 million were issued in May 2005.
- 5) No proceeds were spent on teacher salaries, administrative salaries or on operational expenses.
- 6) An independent audit was prepared for the year ending June 30, 2005, complying with the provisions of the Education code and approved by the Citizens' Oversight Committee. The audit referenced here is available for review at the District's webpage [www.hemetusd.k12.ca.us](http://www.hemetusd.k12.ca.us) at the Citizens' Oversight Committee link. Copies are also available at the District Office.
- 7) 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 (4.375% Series D). Through the cooperation and partnership with the contractor Bogh Construction and our Construction Manager douglas e. barnhart, the District saved \$1 million on the site grading of Tahquitz High School.
- 8) 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. District staff welcomes Committee questions and comments. You can contact Richard Beck at [rbeck@hemetusd.k12.ca.us](mailto:rbeck@hemetusd.k12.ca.us). Staff has provided regular project status reports and expenditure reports quarterly to the Committee and agenda items, as requested by the members.
- 9) 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)).

- 10) The Committee has complied with the Ralph M. Brown Act (Brown Act) a public meetings act, by having formally scheduled meetings with agendas duly noticed, open to the public, with minutes taken and posted on the District's webpage under the Citizens' Oversight Committee. Meetings are held on a quarterly basis on the third Thursday of every other month. Special meetings may be scheduled and will follow the provisions of the Brown Act.
- 11) The Committee has toured various sites and has reviewed the progress reports on the status of all projects.

Approved February 2, 2006 by the Citizens' Oversight Committee

*Frank Lewis*

Frank Lewis, Chairperson

*Anna Marie Dalbey*

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