

Citizens' Oversight Committee Report on Measure "E"

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Letter from the Chairman

As chairman, it is my pleasure to present you with an overview of the activities of the Hemet Unified School District and the Citizens' Oversight Committee relative to the Measure E School Facilities General Obligation Bond. Measure E, a \$60 million general obligation bond passed by the voters in March 2002, provided for construction of six (6) new schools and modernization and major repairs to existing schools. It was intended to be part of a school facilities program which included leveraging matching funds from the State School Building Program estimated at \$92 million.

The provisions of Proposition 39, Education Code 15728 et. seq., require bonds passed to establish a citizens oversight committee with rules of formation regarding the committee's number of members and their representation and the specific responsibilities. One of the respon-

sibilities of the Citizens' Oversight Committee is to prepare and disseminate an annual report. The Committee's goal is to release 2 to 3 publications annually to keep the public informed on the activities of Measure E and to present the Annual Report which includes the Measure E audit issued in December.

The Citizens' Oversight Committee was established in June of 2002. Members are selected for a two-year term, limited to two consecutive terms. Due to the staggering of the first two-year term, all the original members were replaced this past summer. Several new members of the Committee were appointed.

The District has implemented most of the Measure E projects; the start of construction in June 2005 of Tahquitz High School and the Hamilton addition project being the last. Please refer to the Project Status Report on page 3 for further de-

tail. The report shows only the Measure E funded projects although there are many other projects in various stages of development.

As required by law, all agendas, minutes and reports are subject to the public meeting act (Brown Act) and are posted on the District's website: www.hemetusd.k12.ca.us.

We hope you will read this report and feel free to contact the Committee via the District Office at (951) 791-2401. Please ask for Richard Beck, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, e-mail us directly at MeasureE@hemetusd.k12.ca.us or send a letter to: Attention: Citizens' Oversight Committee, c/o Hemet Unified School District, 2350 West Latham Avenue, Hemet, CA 92545.

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HUSD Bond Rating Upgraded to an "A"

The District received a bond rating of "A" from Standard and Poors on its Series D Measure E General Obligation Bonds. "This is great and a testimonial to the District's sound financial management" said Dale Scott of Dale Scott and Associates, Financial Advisor.

The previous three bond sales/issuances were rated A-. The rating upgrade helps the District with the sale of the bonds which may reduce the interest paid on the tax exempt bonds. The District sold the bonds at an effective interest rate of 4.20% in May 2005. The District

during the previous year (June 2004) issued the bonds at a phenomenal 3.99% effective interest rate.

The District issued \$6 million in May 2005 following the rating upgrade and has now issued \$54 million of the total \$60 million authorization. ■

Mr. Frank Lewis, Chairman ♦ Mrs. Anna Marie Dalbey, Vice Chairman ♦ Mr. Guy Excell
Mrs. Bettie Smith ♦ Mr. Mark Shabashov ♦ Mrs. Heidi Roth ♦ Mr. Steve Pulbrook
Ms. William Schembri ♦ Mr. Matt Brudin ♦ Mr. Thomas Green ♦ Mr. Matthew Coiner

Budget Summary

School Site	Bond Budget	State Budget	Interest	Total Budget	Projects to Date
Acacia	\$ 598,542.00	\$ 2,613,875.00	\$ 35,959.99	\$ 3,248,376.99	\$ 3,248,376.99
Alternative Learning Center	65,820.00			65,820.00	65,820.00
Bautista Creek	102,283.00			102,283.00	102,283.00
Cottonwood	206,783.00			206,783.00	206,783.00
Dartmouth	27,356.00			27,356.00	27,356.00
Fruitvale	120,980.00			120,980.00	120,980.00
Hamilton Relo (Modernization)	247,497.00	420,574.00	766.15	668,837.15	650,775.75
Hamilton Relo (New)		1,516,701.00		2,621,606.00	
Hamilton (Bond Only)	173,323.00			173,323.00	173,323.00
Hemet El	1,096,555.00			1,096,555.00	1,096,555.00
Hemet High	1,862,634.00	6,625,254.00	79,809.40	8,567,697.40	8,567,697.40
Idyllwild	193,183.00	904,618.00	11,130.93	1,108,931.93	1,108,931.93
Little Lake	649,968.00	1,491,571.00	17,178.49	2,158,717.49	2,158,717.49
Ramona	378,593.00	1,818,513.00	27,980.73	2,225,086.73	2,225,086.73
Santa Fe	598,258.00	2,845,810.00	41,637.11	3,485,705.11	3,485,705.11
Valle Vista	93,188.00			93,188.00	93,188.00
West Valley High	194,585.00			194,585.00	194,585.00
Whittier	449,769.00	2,158,687.00	32,062.94	2,640,518.94	2,640,518.94
Winchester	145,801.00	705,688.00	7,738.60	859,227.60	859,227.60
Issuance Costs	691,720.00			691,720.00	655,835.96
Harmony	4,648,886.00	6,112,248.00	53,463.14	10,814,597.14	10,630,191.68
McSweeney	4,647,995.00	7,160,335.00	120,852.84	11,929,182.84	10,480,972.05
Cawston	7,422,139.00	6,425,770.00	137,105.31	13,985,014.31	13,985,014.31
Diamond Valley Middle	10,206,272.00	11,852,246.00	220,200.02	22,278,718.02	20,722,134.58
Tahquitz High School	16,555,886.00	31,983,660.00	77,473.72	65,009,610.72	64,862,926.34
Jacob Wiens Permanent	9,262,416.00	7,228,771.00		16,491,187.00	16,477,233.47
Total	\$ 60,640,432.00	\$ 91,864,321.00	\$ 863,359.37	\$ 170,865,608.37	\$ 164,840,219.33

* Other sources include CFD's and savings from closed out projects

Fifth School Completed - Jacob Wiens Elementary (permanent)

Five of the six schools funded from Measure E and State matching funds have been completed. The permanent Jacob Wiens Elementary School opened this fall, one year after construction started in 2004. The school is located at 935 East Campus Way and is the fourth elementary school built under Measure E.

The school is attended by students who previously attended the temporary, portable school located at the south end of Dartmouth Middle

School (located on Dartmouth Street at Mayberry Avenue), outside the school's attendance area.

Students were bused from the areas south and north of Florida Avenue in the center of town until their permanent school was completed. The District just received the state's \$9 million share for the acquisition, design and construction of the school.

As with the other elementary schools, the school has 26 class-

rooms and serves 740 students and is reusing plans to save money on design and construction.

Jacob Wiens occupies the previous site of the Hemet High School Stadium. The state agreed to pay half the value of the site which the District owns, helping the District offset some of the cost of relocating the stadium to its new home next to Hemet High School. The stadium was **not** constructed with Measure E funds. ■

Project Status Summary

Site	Expended to Date		Status
	State	Local Funds	
Acacia Middle School	\$	3,259,100	Complete
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	Construction started fall 2005. Approximately 25% completed as of November 15, 2005. Anticipated occupation is April 4, 2006
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	Complete
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 started Spring 2005. Anticipated occupation if fall 2007
Valle Vista		93,188	Complete
West Valley High		194,585	Complete
Winchester		866,438	Complete

New Committee Members Appointed to Serve on Citizens' Oversight Committee

The Hemet Unified School District Governing Board appointed new members to replace the outgoing members who have completed their two term limits. The Citizens' Oversight Committee consists of eleven (11) members. Proposition 39 regulations and Education Code 15728 require that five of the members meet one of five established criteria including parent, parent active on school-based association, a representative of a bona-fide tax payer organization, a senior citizen, and active in the business community. No official or employee of the District nor vendor, contractor or consultant doing business

with the District may be a member of the Citizens' Oversight Committee.

The responsibilities of the Citizens' Oversight Committee are to review financial and performance reports and audits, inspect school facilities, receive copies of the District's Deferred Maintenance Program and proposed building plans, review methods to reduce project costs, review joint use proposals, and effective reuse of plans.

The member's term is two years with a maximum of two consecutive terms. The newly appointed members are:

- Mr. Matthew Coiner
- Mr. Guy Excell
- Mr. Mark Shabashov
- Mrs. Bettie Smith
- Mrs. Heidi Roth
- Mr. Steve Pulbrook
- Mr. William Schembri

The existing members remaining on the Committee are:

- Mr. Matt Brudin
- Mr. Thomas Green
- Mrs. Anna Marie Dalbey
- Mr. Frank Lewis ■

Growth and Ongoing School Facilities Need

The following was presented in the previous report.

As the community is well aware, the Hemet area is experiencing significant residential development which means increased school enrollment. The Hemet Unified School District grew by 1603 students in 2004-05 and predicts another 1609 students by June 2006.

With an increasing grade K-12 enrollment, school facilities needs continue to increase. The District began construction in June 2005 on the sixth (6th) school, Tahquitz High School, and completed Jacob Wiens Elementary School.

With the Tahquitz High School scheduled for completion in August 2007, the District will have utilized the entire \$60 million Measure E funds including \$85 million of state funding.

Although state matching funding is still available, the District will need to fund an additional \$150 million in local funding to meet the \$250 million to \$300 million school facilities need over the next five (5) years. Developer fees, Community Facilities Districts and future General Obligation Bonds (like Measure E) all will be necessary to provide the educational facilities for the students of Hemet Unified School District. ■

Tahquitz High School Bid and Under Construction

The sixth and last new school project under Measure E was bid in May 2005 and is under construction. The \$60 million first phase of the high school is progressing well with rough grading completed, underground utilities, building foundations and some framing underway. As with all of the State eligible projects, the State School Building Program is matching the Measure E share.

The District was forced to scale back the size of the project due to exceptional escalating construction costs. The District was fortunate to acquire the property two years ago, saving the District over \$5 million under the current market value. Construction costs have risen in double digits over the previous two years al-



Tahquitz High School Construction

though increases slowed this year.

The 1400 student capacity facility will relieve the overcrowding at West Valley High School where there

are currently nearly 3,000 students.

The school is scheduled for opening in the fall of 2007. ■

Citizens' Oversight Committee Meetings

Meetings are held at the District Office, located at:

2350 West Latham Avenue
Hemet, CA 92545



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

December 15, 2005 at 6:30 pm

March 16, 2006 at 6:30 pm