

# Citizens' Oversight Committee Report on Measure "E"

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## Letter from the Chairman

It is with pleasure that the Citizens' Oversight Committee presents its second *Annual Report*, subject to the provisions of the California Education Code and Article XIII A of the California Constitution. As you are aware, Measure E passed by the voters of the Hemet Unified School District in March 2002, under provisions of Proposition 39 (2000), required the formation of a Citizens' Oversight Committee made up initially of nine members. The role and responsibilities of the Committee were specifically stated in law, including issuing an annual report each year.

The Committee was formed in June 2002, and has met bi-monthly to review the Measure E projects, financial reports, project list, and District progress toward implementing the projects and assuring that the funds have been appropriately and efficiently expended. It is not the Committee's purpose to make policy or determine how and where Measure E funds are spent. This role is entrusted in your elected School Board members. Our role is to review the projects and activities, comply with the Measure E bond resolution, and state law.

This second Annual Report includes the approval of the second

audit (2002-2003), an up-to-date financial report, as well as certifications of compliance with the provisions of the Education Code and State Constitution. The 2001-02 Annual Report, in November 2002, included a presentation of the first audit, which was formally approved in July 2003. The audit and financial reports are posted on the district's web site ([www.hemetUSD.k12.ca.us](http://www.hemetUSD.k12.ca.us)).

Two schools, Harmony and McSweeney Elementary Schools opened in August 2003 and six schools were modernized during this past summer - Acacia, Hemet High, Little Lake, Ramona, Santa Fe, and Whittier. Additional work was performed at 11 other existing schools. Two additional schools, Cawston Elementary and Diamond Valley Middle School, are under construction to be completed next year for a fall 2004 opening.

The last two projects to be funded by Measure E are the New High School #1 and the permanent Jacob Wiens Elementary School. Additional upgrades and modernization will be done at 13 of our existing schools over the next 2-3 years.

An escrow agreement for the new high school site has been executed with a closing date set on January 31, 2004. The architects

are presently designing the two new school projects. We are very pleased with the progress of the projects and with the information reports, technical assistance, financial and project management by the District.

The 2002-03 Annual Report certifies the projects and project activities comply with the language of Measure E and the funds were expended responsibly and with concern for cost efficiency. The District has expended or encumbered \$33,903,226.59 as of November 24, 2003, and has issued \$38,000,000 in bond proceeds with \$283,265.15 accrued interest yield for a total of \$38,203,265.15 in revenues. The present balance is \$4,380,038.56. There remains \$22 million in unissued bonds of the total \$60 million bond authorization.

In conclusion, we as a Committee, feel positive about the District's financial and development management of the bond proceeds.

*Joe Wojcik, Chairman*

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## Budget Summary

School Site	Bond Budget	State Budget	Interest	Total Budget	Projects to Date	Balance
Acacia	\$ 598,542	\$ 2,579,201	\$ 25,341	\$ 3,203,084	\$ 2,609,875	\$ 593,209
Alternative Learning Ctr.	65,820			65,820	65,820	-
Bautista Creek	102,283			102,283	102,283	-
Cottonwood	206,783			206,783	45,286	161,497
Dartmouth	27,356			27,356	27,356	-
Fruitvale	341,424			341,424	80,000	261,424
Hamilton Modernization	77,219	308,875		386,094		386,094
Hamilton (Bond Only)	343,601			343,601	32,965	310,636
Hemet El	1,096,555			1,096,555	919,217	177,338
Hemet High	1,379,650	6,625,254	77,444	8,082,348	8,567,455	(485,107)
Idyllwild	193,183	904,618	8,143	1,105,944	303,937	802,008
Little Lake	649,968	1,463,299	15,686	2,128,953	1,762,416	366,537
Ramona	378,593	1,786,101	17,551	2,182,245	1,346,700	835,545
Santa Fe	598,258	2,810,697	26,665	3,435,620	2,434,724	1,000,896
Valle Vista	206,569			206,569	68,219	138,350
West Valley High	194,585			194,585	194,585	-
Whittier	449,769	2,125,249	21,120	2,596,138	1,712,158	883,980
Winchester	145,801	604,499	5,639	755,939	215,118	540,821
Issuance Costs	588,714			588,714	370,971	217,743
Harmony	4,648,886	6,112,248	50,903	10,812,037	10,384,233	427,804
McSweeney	4,647,995	7,160,335	71,254	11,879,584	10,649,107	1,230,477
Cawston	7,119,681	6,497,393	101,258	13,718,332	12,957,219	761,113
Diamond Valley Middle	10,206,272	11,852,246	195,964	22,254,482	19,139,830	3,114,651
New High School #1	24,433,977	28,748,320		53,182,297	4,696,580	48,485,717
Jacob Wiens Permanent	5,747,000	5,747,000		11,494,000	812,587	10,681,413
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$ 64,448,484</b>	<b>\$ 85,325,335</b>	<b>\$ 616,967</b>	<b>\$ 150,390,786</b>	<b>\$ 79,498,640</b>	<b>\$ 70,892,146</b>
Developer Fee Contribution for New High School	\$ (4,231,512)					
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 60,216,972</b>					

\* \$222,711.16 x 19 quarters (\$890,845 set aside in Fiscal Year 02/03)

*All figures rounded to nearest dollar.*

### New School Locations & Projected Opening

#### Diamond Valley Middle School

291 West Chambers Street, Hemet 92543

Opening Fall 2004

#### Cawston Elementary

4000 West Menlo Avenue, Hemet 92545

Opening Fall 2004

#### New Elementary #4 (J. Wiens permanent site)

Santa Fe Street and Campus Way

Opening Fall 2005

#### New High School #1

Cawston Avenue and Commonwealth Avenue

Opening Fall 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:*

March 18, 2004

May 20, 2004



*In memory of John McCain  
Thank you for your service.*

## Status of Projects

### New School Construction

- **Harmony Elementary School:** Construction started in July 2002, school opened on August 25, 2003. First punch list is still in progress along with some minor corrections.
- **McSweeny Elementary School:** Construction started in July 2002, school opened on August 25, 2003. First punch list is still in progress along with some minor corrections.
- **Diamond Valley Middle School:** Buildings are enclosed with roofing, lathe and plaster, hollow metal doors, painting, vinyl wall covering, plumbing and HVAC. Carpet is scheduled for December. Project is ahead of June 2004 scheduled completion.
- **Cawston Elementary School:** Rough-in work complete, slabs poured, curb and gutters around site and parking lots are complete. Structural steel is underway. Scheduled opening is August 2004.
- **Jacob Wiens Elementary – Permanent Site:** Architect is preparing working drawings and environmental studies are in process. Scheduled opening is August 2005.
- **New High School:** Site acquisition is in progress. Escrow agreement signed, escrow closes January 31, 2004. Architect is preparing working drawings; CEQA hearing is scheduled for December 16, 2003. Scheduled opening August 2007.

### Major Repairs and Upgrades (Modernization)

- **Acacia Middle School:** Phase I is complete, including security fencing, electrical upgrades, communication upgrades, kitchen renovations, and computer network and cabling. Lunch table renovations, additional security fencing, and administrative office renovations to meet handicap accessibility standards will be done Summer 2004.
- **Alessandro/Alternative Learning Center:** Two relocatable classrooms are planned for installation.
- **Bautista Creek Elementary School:** Playground equipment was purchased and installed.
- **Cottonwood School:** Lunch shelter installation and access sidewalk are complete. Upgrade of communication system and intercom will be done Summer 2004.
- **Dartmouth Middle School:** Air conditioning of the physical education offices is scheduled for Spring 2004.
- **Fruitvale Elementary School:** Playground equipment has been purchased and installed. A new communication system will be done spring 2004.
- **Hamilton School:** Sidewalks, security fencing, electrical upgrades, computer networking cabling, and play equipment are complete. Painting, fire alarm upgrades are scheduled for Summer 2004.
- **Hemet Elementary School:** Parking lot lights, handicap ramp, sidewalk replacement, fencing and playground improvements are complete. The replacement of eight relocatable classrooms is complete. Administrative building is scheduled to be completed March 26, 2004. Electrical, fire alarm and communication system upgrades scheduled for Spring 2004.
- **Hemet High School:** Major Phase I project complete. Additional modernization including roof drains and locker room renovation are scheduled for future.
- **Idyllwild School:** Kitchen renovation and playground improvements are complete. Drainage improvements and building renovations are scheduled for Summer 2004.
- **Little Lake Elementary School:** Playground equipment installation, electrical upgrades, computer networking, kitchen renovation, and communication cabling is complete. Interior lighting, HVAC, and administrative office renovation is scheduled for Summer 2004.
- **Ramona Elementary School:** Electrical, fire alarm upgrades, computer networking cabling, intercom system upgrades, playground equipment and communication system are complete. Additional work is planned for future, including administrative office renovation.
- **Santa Fe Middle School:** Electrical upgrades, kitchen renovation, computer networking and cabling, intercom and communications systems are complete. Additional projects are planned including handicap accessibility improvements, HVAC, and roofing repairs.
- **Valle Vista Elementary School:** Computer network cabling and playground equipment installation are complete.
- **West Valley High School:** Computer cabling, security fencing, and the chiller replacement are complete.
- **Whittier Elementary School:** Communications system upgrades, electrical upgrade, computer network cabling, playground equipment, accessibility improvements, and restroom renovations are complete. Additional projects scheduled for the future including kitchen renovations, and fire alarm upgrades.
- **Winchester Elementary School:** Computer network cabling, security fencing and playground equipment access ramps are complete. Additional work is scheduled for the future including installation of a sewer line, roofing, and general building improvements. □

## Measure E Citizens' Oversight Committee 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 November 24, 2003. 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 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 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. No proceeds were spent on teacher salaries, administrative salaries or on operational expenses.
4. An independent audit was prepared for the year ending June 30, 2003, complying with the provisions of the Education Code and approved by the Citizens' Oversight Committee.
5. 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 bid bond issuance to obtain the lowest interest rate (3.99%).
6. 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.
7. The agendas, minutes, and reports have been made available to the public and are posted on the web site maintained by the District:  
[www.hemetusd.k12.ca.us](http://www.hemetusd.k12.ca.us)
8. The Committee has followed 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 19, 2002, as the scheduled Committee meeting date. Meeting times are set at 6:30 p.m. December 4, 2003, meeting was rescheduled from November 20, 2003.
9. The Committee has toured various sites and has reviewed the progress reports of all projects. □

### Leveraging State Funding

Thanks to Measure E, the Hemet Unified School District will receive nearly \$85 million in State School Facilities Funding in addition to the \$60 million generated from Measure E.

The State School Building Program provides matching funds for eligible new construction and modernization of schools over 25 years of age. To date the District has received 50% matching funding for the Harmony, McSweeney, Cawston Elementary and Diamond Valley Middle Schools. The District has also received 80% State matching funding for the modernization of Acacia Middle, Idyllwild School, Hemet High, Little Lake Elementary, Ramona Elementary, Santa Fe Middle, Whittier Elementary, and Winchester Elementary Schools. The District will apply for State funding for the permanent Jacob Wiens Elementary and the new high school, as well as the modernization of a small portion of Hamilton School when plans have been designed and approved for construction.

The table on page 2 of this report illustrates that the District will receive \$85 million in projected State funding in addition to Measure E funding. The availability of State funding is critical to meeting the school facilities needs of the District. Additional State funding is dependent on passage of a new State school bond measure scheduled for March of 2004 or one in the future. □