



Members of the Measure G Citizens' Oversight Committee meet for the first time on March 21 in the Board Room at the Chino Valley Unified School District Office. Superintendent Wayne M. Joseph (center, standing) welcomed the Committee and briefly explained the community input process that led to the school construction and modernization bond.

## **Initial meeting of Measure G Citizens' Oversight Committee includes orientation, bond timeline**

The Measure G Citizens' Oversight Committee met for the first time Tuesday night (March 21) to go over its role, committee bylaws, open meeting laws, and a project list and timeline for the \$750 million school construction and modernization bond that was approved by voters in November.

The purpose of the Oversight Committee is to review and report to the public on the bond expenditures, advise the public as to the District's compliance with Prop. 39 (the law that governs school construction and modernization bonds), and ensure that no bond funds are spent on salaries or District operating expenses. Additionally, the Committee receives and reviews annual financial audits.

Members of the Oversight Committee were appointed by the Board of Education in February, based on representation of the business community within the District's boundaries, a senior citizens' organization, bona fide taxpayers' organization, parent/guardian with a child enrolled in the District, and parent/guardian of an enrolled CVUSD student and active in a parent-teacher organization. There are also at-large members. Additionally, the CVUSD Board of Education invited representatives of the cities of Chino, Chino Hills, and Ontario to serve on the Oversight Committee because those cities are within the District boundaries.

Kevin Cisneroz, who previously served on the Measure M Bond Citizen Oversight Committee, was appointed chairperson by Superintendent Wayne M. Joseph prior to the first meeting. On March 21, Mark Hargrove was appointed vice-chairperson, and Connie Harr, secretary.

Other members of the Committee are Robert Basile, Brett Benson, Don Bridge, Carole Cole, William Kolbow, Mariaelena Gomez-Lecaro, Michael Rohrer, and Bonnie Tran. Committee members representing the three cities within the District boundaries are Chino Councilman Glenn Duncan, Chino Hills Councilman Ed Graham, and Ontario Councilman Ruben Valencia.

Assisting the group are Chino Valley Unified School District employees Greg Stachura, Assistant Superintendent of Facilities and Planning; Martin Silveira, Director of Maintenance and Operations and Construction; and James Costa, Construction Coordinator.

The first Measure G issuance of \$225 million is expected to be available in early May, with some work to begin shortly thereafter, Assistant Superintendent Stachura said.

During the first several months after a bond issuance, the initial phases of the building process occur: architectural designs are created and approved, city construction permits are obtained, and bids are put out to hire building managers and construction firms, among other less visible first steps.

Projects for the first issuance of Measure G include security and technology upgrades across the District; the first phase of rebuilding Chino High, construction

of a new kindergarten through eighth grade school in the Preserve area of south Chino, and furniture for schools throughout the District as they are modernized.

Additionally, science lab additions will be built at kindergarten through eighth grade Briggs Fundamental School; and Canyon Hills, Magnolia, Ramona, Townsend, and Woodcrest junior high schools. That work may also include the removal of existing portable classroom buildings.

Also in the first issuance will be modernization work at Butterfield, Cattle, Country Springs, Eagle Canyon, Hidden Trails, Litel, Oak Ridge, and Rolling Ridge elementary schools; Canyon Hills and Townsend junior high schools; and Ayala High School. Those 11 schools are all 25 years or older and qualify for matching modernization funds from the State.

Bond proceeds are expected to be used within three years of issuance, said Ann Rohlin, bond counsel with Norton, Rose, Fulbright.

The second issuance of the bond – approximately \$190 million – will include the second phase of the new Chino High School, technology improvements across the District, and new furniture for schools across the District as they are renovated. Schools scheduled for renovation in the second issuance are Briggs Fundamental School; Cal Aero Preserve Academy; Borba, Chaparral, Cortez, Dickey, Dickson, Glenmeade, Liberty, Marshall, Newman, Rhodes, Walnut Avenue, and Wickman elementary schools; Magnolia, Ramona, and Woodcrest junior high schools; Buena Vista, Chino Hills, and Don Lugo high schools; the Alternative Education Center in Chino Hills; and the Adult School in Chino.

The COC has set its next meeting for 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 13, in the Board Room of the District Office, 5130 Riverside Drive, Chino.

Visioning meetings for the new Chino High school have been set for 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. April 4 and April 27 in the Chino High multi-purpose room, 5472 Park Place, Chino. The meetings are open to the public.