

# **The Annual Report**

of the

Measure M Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee

for

FY 2006/2007

August 6, 2007

# **Purpose**

The Citizens Bond Oversight Committee (referred to as "the Committee" for the remainder of this document) is charged with informing the public concerning the expenditure of bond proceeds of Measure M. The exact details of the purpose of an oversight Committee and their duties are specified in the California Constitution (AB 1908), and are summarized in the Committee's bylaws. The bylaws states that "The purpose of the Committee as set forth in Prop. 39 is to inform the public at least annually by issuing a written report concerning the expenditure of bond proceeds from Measure M approved by the voters March 5, 2002." The Committee is required within the annual report to certify, if valid, that CVUSD is in compliance with Article XIIIA, Section 1(b)(3) of the California Constitution.

### **Committee Members and School District Staff**

At the beginning of the 2006/2007 School Year, the Committee included 13 members, with Ms. Sylvia Orozco as Chairperson, Mr. Steve Elie as Vice Chairperson, and Mike Milliner as Secretary. Ms. Jenny Tate maintained the Committee's website to provide valuable information to the public. Upon Ms. Orozco's election to the Board of Education (Board), the Committee selected Mr. Elie to be the Chairperson, Ms. Julie Allen as the Vice Chairperson, and Mr. Milliner continued as the Secretary. The Committee maintained 12 members for the duration of the school year.

The School District (District) was represented by Assistant Superintendent, Ms. Sandra Chen, and Director of Facilities and Construction, Mr. John Grow, with support from Ms. Iris Chu, Director of Planning, Mr. Greg Stachura, Construction Coordinator, and Ms. Laurie Trimbach.

We would like to thank all exiting Committee members for their dedication and commitment to the School District's construction program. Each of them has provided a valuable service to the community by their service on the Committee.

## **Performance Audits**

In the fall of 2006, the District concluded performance audits conducted by Total School Solutions for both the 2004/2005 and 2005/2006 school years. The audit reports were presented to the Committee, along with a summary of the major findings. The report concluded that Measure M is running smoothly, with the staff maximizing all available State revenue and effectively managing the construction of the projects. The Committee discussed the two recommendations for improvement, which were also listed, including the adoption of a Master Plan and project budgets by the Board.

### **Bond Funds**

The remaining \$50 M in Measure M Bonds were issued in November 2006. If any of the money is not spent within three (3) years of issuance, an arbitrage penalty will be assessed for excess interest earnings. On a related topic, on November 7, 2006, the State passed

Proposition 1D. Although these funds are not under the purview of the Committee, they will have a positive effect on the overall school construction program in the District by providing funding to support the District's modernization effort of the second phase of projects, which includes seven schools.

Ms. Chen has continued to provide very thorough expenditure reports for all Measure M projects throughout the year, including project cost estimates, encumbrances and project status.

### **School Site Visits**

On March 16, 2007, several Committee members participated in a tour of five Measure M school sites that are in various stages of planning and construction. This tour provided the members with an opportunity to see the improvements that have occurred as a result of Measure M funds.

In addition to the tour, several members also attended the Dedication Ceremony held at Chaparral Elementary School. All of the students, parents, and faculty in attendance expressed their gratitude for such a wonderful new school.

### **Communications with the School District**

The Chairperson and Vice Chairperson met twice during the year with Superintendent, Dr. Edmond Heatley, and Ms. Chen to discuss relevant issues and ways to continue to improve the ongoing communications between the Committee and the Board. Ongoing meetings will occur on an as-needed basis. The Committee has requested Dr. Heatley to inform them of upcoming Board items that may be of interest to the Committee.

# **Construction Updates**

Mr. Grow has provided an ongoing update of current and proposed construction activities, including responses to questions about bids, progress, and change orders. It should be noted that the program team has been very successful in managing changes during construction, which is reflected by change order percentages of 3%-5% on modernization projects and less than 1% for new construction projects.

The PCM3 contract expired during the school year. The District has now retained the services of Bernards Brothers to provide constructability reviews and general construction management oversight.

Respectfully submitted,

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# **Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee Members**

Member Name	Representing	Term Ends	Status
Julie Allen	At Large	6/30/2008	No change
Tom Haughey	City of Chino	6/30/2009	New member
Steve Elie	Parent	6/30/2008	No change
Christina Gonzales	At Large	6/30/2008	No change
Tina Javid	Chino Chamber of Commerce	6/30/2009	Reappointed
Edgar K. Gray Jr.	Senior Citizens Organization	6/30/2009	New member
David Black	A Taxpayer Organization	6/30/2009	New member
Roman Nava	At Large	6/30/2008	No change
Jamie Harwood	Business Community	6/30/2009	New member
Peter Rogers	City of Chino Hills	6/30/2009	Reappointed
Natalie Sanders	Parent active in Parent Teacher Assoc.	6/30/2009	New member
Alan Wapner	City of Ontario	6/30/2008	No change
Kevin Cisneroz	At Large	6/30/2009	New member