



The Quarterly Report
of the
Citizens' Oversight Committee
for the
1st Quarter 2005/2006 School Year

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First Quarter Report
of
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for the
2005/2006 School Year

The Citizens' Oversight Committee, herein referred to as the committee, welcomed new committee members Mrs. Jenny Tate, and Mrs. Tina Javid. Meanwhile we are awaiting the appointment of a business community representative to the committee. Since there is an existing requirement for a business community representative to serve on the committee we believe this vacant position will be filled relatively soon. The committee elected Mr. Gerald Bruce and Mrs. Sylvia Orozco to serve as chairperson and vice chairperson respectively. Their term of service in these capacities is for the current fiscal year.

Mr. Steve Bachor of PCM3 made a presentation to the committee which detailed the proposal for modifying or eliminating the contractor pre-qualification process. Based upon the literature and the arguments presented either of the proposed changes seem to be more advantageous than the present implementation. If the Board chooses to modify the existing contractor pre-qualification process then this approach will be more cost effective than the existing process and there does not appear to be a down side for this process modification beyond that which exists with the present process. If the Board chooses to eliminate the contractor pre-qualification process then this approach is also more cost effective approach than the present process. Eliminating contractor pre-qualification will make the requirements for a contractor to submit a bid less cumbersome for the contractor than does the present implementation and it should result in an increased number of qualified contractors submitting bids. However it will require the district to have an increased reliance upon the system of checks and balances in place, PCM3, and the construction managers to protect the district's interests. A request was made for Dr. Andersen to provide us with a report of the action taken by the board pursuant to this matter.

Dr. Andersen provided the committee a listing of the litigation costs associated with Measure M projects. These costs were reviewed and questioned. There was a litigation cost on this listing which is attributed to the Citizens' Oversight Committee. Additional information regarding this claim has been requested. We will continue to monitor litigation costs of existing and future claims as well as the resolution of these claims.

Construction updates were provided for Woodcrest, Walnut, Cortez, Dickson, Chaparral, Buena Vista, and Don Lugo. We were all pleased to learn Woodcrest was now open and that the project is in its final stages. This has been a very troublesome project and hopefully there were some valuable lessons learned. From the information received, the modernization and renovation projects at the remainder of the above sites are proceeding smoothly.

The committee continues to monitor change orders for Measure M projects. We questioned Mr. Bachor regarding the percentage of change order dollar amounts vs awarded contract dollar amounts that would trigger an "excessive change order alarm." We were satisfied with Mr. Bachor's response as he informed the committee that PCM3 imposes a limit that is considerably less than the 10% limit observed by the OPSC.

Committee members were requested to perform more coordinated site visits in groups, if at all possible. In order to comply with the Brown Act, the number of committee members visiting a site, at any given time, will be less than a quorum. The details and the logistics of these group visits are to be coordinated with Dr. Andersen, school officials, and PCM3. Coordinated site visits by individual committee members are strongly encouraged and have been occurring.

We would like to acknowledge our gratitude to district staff for their continued support and to former committee members, Mr. Andy Anderson, Mr. Maurice Ayala, and Mr. Geoffrey VandenHeuvel for their years of service.

For additional specifics about any item that appears within this quarterly report refer to the attached meeting minutes.

Respectfully submitted,

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Citizens' Oversight Committee Members

<u>Member Name</u>	<u>Term Ends</u>
Gerald W. Bruce	7/2006
Darrin Dalton	7/2006
Glenn Duncan	7/2006
Steven Elie	7/2006
Tina Javid	7/2007
Roger Larkin	7/2007
Gary Larson	7/2007
Mike Milliner	7/2007
Sylvia Orozco	7/2006
Michael Payne	7/2006
Paul Rodriguez	7/2006
Jenny Tate	7/2007
Alan Wapner	7/2006

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