

Annual Report
Citizens' Oversight Committee for Measure "T"
Fiscal Year 2007/2008

The Citizens' Oversight Committee has reviewed the financial expenditures of Measure "T" proceeds on a quarterly basis and has reviewed all actions related to the compliance with Education Code 15278. The expenditure reports that the Citizens' Oversight Committee has been provided supply the site, activity, vendor, and amount of each payment.

The District has complied with Article XIII A, and Education Code 15278 at Section 1(b)(3) of the California Constitution as follows:

- 1) The first series of Measure "T" bonds (Series A) of \$60 million was issued March 1, 2007. 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 of Resolution Number 1608 of the Hemet Unified School District.
- 2) The second series of Measure "T" bonds (Series B) of \$40 million was issued in March, 2008. 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 of Resolution Number 1608 of the Hemet Unified School District.
- 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, 2008, complying with the provisions of the Education Code and approved by the Citizens' Oversight Committee. The audit referenced here was reviewed by the Citizens' Oversight Committee on December 18, 2008. The audit was previously approved by the Governing Board of the Hemet Unified School District and is available for public review on the District's webpage www.hemetusd.k12.ca.us at the Citizens' Oversight Committee link. Copies are also available at the District Office.
- 5) The District has made efforts to maximize the Measure "T" bond revenues by implementing cost-saving measures such as negotiating cost reduction in professional fees for architectural design, use of construction management value engineering services, reuse of plans, incorporation of water and energy conservation measures such as use of reclaimed water and use of drought tolerant plants within the school plans, and competitively bid bond issuance to obtain lowest interest rate (4.3699 Measure "T" Series A and 5% on Series B), and by utilizing facilities grants such as CTE to augment Measure "T" funding. The District saved \$14 million for Phases II and III of Tahquitz High School and Rancho Viejo Middle School from original budget estimates.
- 6) The Committee has been provided necessary and adequate technical assistance from District staff in order to fulfill its legal obligations and purpose. District staff welcomes Committee questions and comments. You can contact Richard Beck at rbeck@hemetusd.k12.ca.us. Staff has provided regular project status reports and expenditure reports quarterly to the Committee and agenda items as requested by the members. The Committee has visited, first hand, the projects and has met with the architects and contractors designing and constructing the projects.
- 7) The agendas, minutes, and reports have been made available to the public and are posted on the website maintained by the District (www.hemetusd.k12.ca.us).
- 8) The Committee has complied with the Ralph M. Brown Act (Brown Act) a public meetings act, by having formally scheduled meetings with agendas duly noticed, open to the public, with minutes taken and posted on the District's webpage under the Citizens' Oversight Committee. Meetings are held on a quarterly basis on the third Thursday of the month. Special meetings may be scheduled and will follow the provisions of the Brown Act.
- 9) The Committee has reviewed the progress reports on the status of all projects.

Approved March 19, 2009 by the Citizens' Oversight Committee

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