

# **Annual Report**

## **Citizens' Oversight Committee for Measure T**

### **Fiscal Year 2006/2007**

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 15728. The expenditure reports that the Citizens' Oversight Committee has been provided; provide the site, activity, vendor, and amount of each payment. The most recent expenditure reports reviewed by the Committee relative to the reporting period were September 20, 2007 and January 17, 2008. 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 Measure T bonds (Series A) of \$60 million were 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.
- 2) No proceeds were spent on teacher salaries, administrative salaries or on operational expenses.
- 3) An independent audit was prepared for the year ending June 30, 2007, 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 January 17, 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](http://www.hemetusd.k12.ca.us) at the Citizens' Oversight Committee link. Copies are also available at the District Office.
- 4) 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). The District saved \$14 million for Phases 2 and 3 of Tahquitz High School and Rancho Viejo Middle School.
- 5) 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. District staff welcomes Committee questions and comments. You can contact Richard Beck at [rbeck@hemetusd.k12.ca.us](mailto: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.
- 6) 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](http://www.hemetusd.k12.ca.us)).
- 7) 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

every other month. Special meetings may be scheduled and will follow the provisions of the Brown Act.

- 8) The Committee has reviewed the progress reports on the status of all projects.

Approved January 17, 2008 by the Citizens' Oversight Committee

*Anna Marie Dalbey*

Anna Marie Dalbey, Chairperson

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