

COLLEGE OF THE SEQUOIAS
MEASURE J
CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
2012-2013 ACTIVITY REPORT



FOR SCHOOL FACILITIES IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT (SFID) NO. 3

Purpose of the Annual Report

In accordance with Education Code Section 15280, the following report is the fulfillment of the committee's annual requirement.

Measure J was approved by the voters on November 4, 2008. A Bond Resolution was adopted and signed by the Governing Board on June 9, 2008, and is available on the COS website at: www.cos.edu (Click on Measure J Tulare Bond).

Measure J required the creation of a Citizens' Oversight Committee. The purpose of the Citizens' Oversight Committee is to inform the public concerning the expenditure of bond revenues. The Committee is charged with actively reviewing appropriate reporting on the proper expenditure of taxpayers' money for school construction. Citizens' Oversight Committee shall advise the public whether the community college district is in compliance with the requirements of paragraph (3) of subdivision (b) of Section 1 of Article XIII A of the California constitution.

2012-2013 Membership

The Citizen's Oversight Committee consists of the following members and terms of office:

Business Organization

Anthony DeRose (2009 – 2013) – Vice Chair

Senior Citizens' Organization

Jim Henderson (2009 – 2013) - Chair

Bona-fide Taxpayers Association

John Thomas (2009 – 2013)

Student Organization

Juan Moreno (2012-2013)

College Support Organization

Sue Ann Hillman (2012 – 2014)

Community At-Large

John Beck (2009 – 2013)

Howard Berger (2009 – 2013)

Lynn Dredge (2009 – 2013)

Mike Graville (2011 – 2013)

Sarah Koligian (2011 – 2013)

Richard Ortega (2009 – 2013)

Bill Postlewaite (2011 – 2013)

Melody Tucker (2009 – 2013)

Summary of Meetings

The Committee met on the dates and conducted business generally as follows:

October 15, 2012

- Meeting Minutes from November 4, 2011
- Financial Report
- Approval of 2010-2011 Audit Report
- Approval of 2011-2012 Activity Report

February 25, 2013

- Meeting Minutes of October 15, 2012
- Financial Report
- Approval of Bond Audit Report-June 30, 2012

The Committee is scheduled to meet on November 19, 2013, to review and approve this report and instructed the Committee Chairman or his designee to submit this Annual Report to the Governing Board of the College of the Sequoias Community College District at its regularly scheduled December 9, 2013, meeting.

The audit for the year ended June 30, 2012, was performed by Vavrinek, Trine, Day & Co., LLP, Certified Public Accountants. The Committee members were given a copy of the 2012 Proposition 39 General Obligation Bond Audit Report. Under Findings and Recommendations, no exceptions were found relative to the General Obligation Bonds.

An annual audit for the year ending June 30, 2013, is being conducted at this time by Vavrinek, Trine, Day & Co., LLP, Certified Public Accountants, and will be completed by December 2013.

Tulare Center Project Status

The campus opened for classes in January 2013. The project is currently 99% complete as equipment is still being ordered.

Findings

Based on this information, as of November 19, 2013, the Citizens' Oversight Committee finds that the bond revenues were expended only on the specific projects approved by the voters and that no funds were used for any teacher or administrative salaries or other school operating expenses.

The meeting agendas, minutes, and materials distributed to the Committee are posted on the District's web site and available in hard copy from the President's Office. A notice was sent out to the local media prior to each meeting. The meeting materials are sent to the committee members, the members of the Governing board and to those members of the public who have requested to be on the mailing list.

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Approved by the Citizens' Oversight Committee
for Bond Measure J for College of the Sequoias
Community College District on November 19, 2013



Submitted
Sue Ann Hillman, Member
Citizens' Oversight Committee for Bond Measure J
College of the Sequoias Community College District