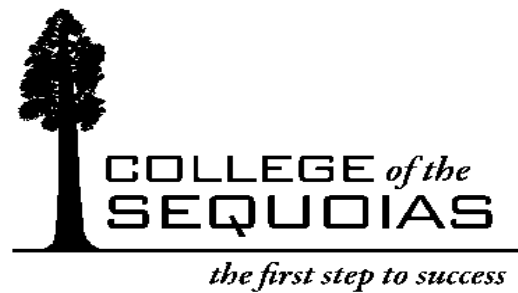


# **COLLEGE OF THE SEQUOIAS**

## **MEASURE J**

### **CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE**



**2009-2010 FIRST ANNUAL REPORT**  
**MARCH 2, 2009 – NOVEMBER 3, 2009**

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](http://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.

## **Membership**

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

### **Business Organization**

Anthony DeRose (March 2, 2009 – March 1, 2011)

Ken Nunes (March 2, 2009 – March 1, 2011) – Chair - *Resigning - Became a College of the Sequoias Governing Board Member on April 26, 2010*

Mary Wadsworth (March 2, 2009 – March 1, 2011)

### **Senior Citizens**

Jim Henderson (March 2, 2009 – March 1, 2011) – Vice-Chair

### **Taxpayers**

Charlie Pitigliano (March 2, 2009 – March 1, 2011)

John Thomas (March 2, 2009 – March 1, 2011)

### **Student Organization**

Rafael Anguiano (March 2, 2009 – March 1, 2010)

Vanessa DeRoma (March 2, 2009 – March 1, 2011)

### **College Support Organization**

Craig Vejvoda (February 16, 2010 – February 15, 2012)

### **At-Large**

John Beck (March 2, 2009 – March 1, 2011)

Howard Berger (March 2, 2009 – March 1, 2011)

Lynn Dredge (March 2, 2009 – March 1, 2011)

Richard Ortega (March 2, 2009 – March 1, 2011)

Bill Postlewaite (March 2, 2009 – March 1, 2011)

Melody Tucker (March 2, 2009 – March 1, 2011)

## **Summary of Meetings**

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

### March 2, 2009

- Review Role and Responsibilities of Committee and Bylaws
- Report on Bond Sale
- Selection of Terms
- Presentation on Measure J Construction Program

### June 1, 2009

- Meeting Notes of March 2, 2009
- Financial Report
- Project Video

### August 31, 2009

- Meeting Notes of June 1, 2009
- Financial Report
- Review of Revised Site Plans

### November 3, 2009

- Introduction of New Members
- Meeting Notes of August 31, 2009
- Financial Report
- Presentation by Kris Costa, Director, Agriculture Programs at COS
- Review of Membership Terms

The Committee also met on May 17, 2010 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 June 21, 2010 meeting.

The audit for the year ended June 30, 2009, was conducted by Vavrinek, Trine, Day & Co., LLP, Certified Public Accountants. The Committee members were given a copy of all pages of the 2009 Audit Report that refers to Measure J (General Obligation Bonds 2008). Under Findings and Recommendations, none were related to the bond (no exceptions were found).

An annual audit for the year ending June 30, 2010, is being conducted at this time by Vavrinek, Trine, Day & Co., LLP, Certified Public Accountants, and will be completed by December 2010.

## **Project Status**

Plans were submitted to the Department of State Architecture on March 27, 2009 and received approval on November 5, 2009.

## Findings

Based on this information, as of May 17, 2010 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.

This year-end report will be posted on the Internet at: [www.cos.edu](http://www.cos.edu). Copies are available to the public, either electronically or hard copy, by contacting any of the following:

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Approved by the Citizens' Oversight Committee  
for Bond Measure J for College of the Sequoias  
Community College District on June 21, 2010

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Submitted  
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Anthony DeRose, Co-Chairman  
Citizens' Oversight Committee for Bond Measure J  
College of the Sequoias Community College District