

COLLEGE OF THE SEQUOIAS
MEASURE J
CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
2021-2022 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, no funds are used for any teacher or administrative salaries or other school operating expenses and in compliance with California Attorney General Opinion No. 04-110, Nov. 9, 2004 (87 Ops.Cal.Atty.Gen. 157).

2021-2022 Membership

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

Business Organization

Marla Borges (2021 – 2024) – Chair

Senior Citizens' Organization

Larry Dutto (2021 – 2024)

Bona-fide Taxpayers Association

Vacant

Student Organization

Vacant

College Support Organization

Alexis Silveria (2021-2024)

Community At-Large

Josh McDonnell (2021 – 2024) – Co-Chair

Joey Airoso (2021 – 2024)

Summary of Meetings

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

September 15, 2021

- Review Roles and Responsibilities of Committee and Bylaws
- Selection of Officers
- Report on Bond Sale
- Presentation on Tulare Phase II A/B Project

March 16, 2022

- Meeting Minutes of September 15, 2021
- Financial Report
- Review of Bond Audit Report-June 30, 2021
- Progress Update on Project

September 14, 2022

- Selection of Officers
- Meeting Minutes of March 1, 2022
- Financial Report
- 2021-22 Annual Activity Report
- Progress Update on Project

The Committee is scheduled to meet on September 14, 2022, to review and approve this report and instruct the Committee Chairman or his/her designee to submit this Annual Report to the Governing Board of the College of the Sequoias Community College District at its regularly scheduled October 10, 2022, meeting.

The audit for the year ended June 30, 2021, was performed by CWDL, Certified Public Accountants. The Committee members were emailed a copy of the 2021 Proposition 39 General Obligation Bond Audit Report and also reviewed it during their meeting on March 16, 2022. Under Findings and Recommendations, no exceptions were found relative to the General Obligation Bonds.

An annual audit for the year ending June 30, 2022, is being conducted at this time by CWDL, Certified Public Accountants, and will be completed by December 2022.

Tulare Center Project Status

TETER Architects & Engineers are the architect of record for the project. Preliminary Plans were submitted to the Division of State Architects on June 29, 2022.

Findings

Based on this information, as of September 14, 2022, the Citizens' Oversight Committee finds that the bond revenues were expended 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 are available in hard copy from the President's Office.

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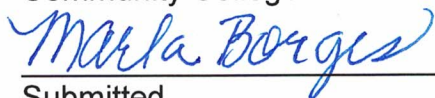
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Approved by the Citizens' Oversight Committee
for Bond Measure J for College of the Sequoias
Community College District on September 14, 2022



Submitted

Marla Borges, Chair

Citizens' Oversight Committee for Bond Measure J
College of the Sequoias Community College District