



Measure J – Citizens' Oversight Committee Minutes

March 22, 2023

3:00 pm

Zoom

Members Present: Joey Airoso, Larry Dutto, Josh McDonnell

Members Absent: Marla Borges-Chair, Alexis Silveria

COS Representatives Present:

Brent Calvin, Ron Perez, Louann Waldner, Byron Woods, Karen Pauls, Cosmo Costales

1. **Call to Order** – Josh McDonnell called the meeting to order at 3:02. Ron Perez introduced student representative Gloria Ramirez.
2. **Public Comments**-None
3. **Approval of the September 14, 2022 Minutes** – Larry Dutto moved to approve the minutes of 9/14/22 and Joey Airoso seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion carried.
4. **Financial Report**-Ron Perez reviewed the 1st and 2nd quarter financial reports for 2022-23 pointed out that the majority of the expenditures have been for the architects/engineers. There were no questions from the committee. Larry Dutto moved to approve the 1st & 2nd quarter financial reports and Joey Airoso seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion carried.
5. **Proposition 39 General Obligation Bond Audit Report – June 30, 2022** - Ron Perez reviewed the audit report. He pointed out that there were not finding or deficiencies and that the District received an unmodified audit, which is the best audit you can receive. There was discussion about the funding for Phases I & III of the original Tulare Campus project. Joey Airoso moved to approve and accept the 21-22 bond financial audit and Larry Dutto seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion carried.
6. **Progress Report on Project**-Byron Woods shared that four (4) bids were opened on December 20, 2022 and AMG & Assoc. was the low bid of \$36M. The bid was higher than expected so the District has reached out to AMG to value engineer approximately \$2M out of the project. The reduction in scope will not compromise the integrity of the project in any way. AMG has identified 33 items where there is potential cost savings involved on the project. Once costs are negotiated, deductive change orders will go to the board. With construction costs being reduced to \$34M the total project costs will be \$41M (\$22M from bond proceeds & 19M from District funds). February 27, 2023 was the contractor's official start date and so far they have only submitted five (5) rainy days. The temp fencing has been installed and the contractor's trailer has been delivered. A portion of parking lot one (1) will be used for laydown space for contractor. The contractor is about 80% complete with staking underground utilities and they are finalizing contracts with subcontractors. The contract end date in August 5, 2024 and it will be extremely difficult to hit that deadline. We will do everything we can to keep that date on track, but will put a Plan B in place in case it's needed. The contractor has liquidated damages in their contract, if they don't hit their benchmark date. The way rainy days are determined was discussed. These building will be on the same meter that the solar field feeds. Ron Perez discussed the new solar parking project in Tulare. It is being funding with Energy Efficiency dollars from the state. It's 251kw on six (6) structures in the lot between M&O and the Ag units. The service will cover the use of the Ag wells on the Tulare property. The current solar on the Tulare campus covers 100% of the campus consumption. The committee talked about the groundbreaking ceremony and the good turnout, in spite of the rain.
7. **Date of Next Meeting** – September 20, 2023.
8. **Items for Next Agenda** – The 2022-23 Annual Report will be reviewed and the committee will tour the site after the meeting.
9. **Adjourn** – 3:24