

# **West Contra Costa Unified School District**

## **Citizens Bond Oversight Committee Measures M, D & J**

### **2006 Annual Report**

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#### **I. Introduction**

This is the 2006 Annual Report of the Citizens Bond Oversight Committee for Measures M, D & J of the West Contra Costa Unified School District. This report is prepared, in conformance with California law, to summarize the work of the Bond Oversight Committee and review the past year of activity in the District's Bond Construction Program.

#### **II. History and Overview of the Bond Oversight Committee(s)**

The voters of the West Contra Costa Unified School District passed the first construction bond, Measure E, in 1998. This measure was a 2/3 vote bond, which did not require citizen oversight committee review. However, the community and the Board of Education determined that in order to ensure citizen understanding of the expenditure of the bond funds, it would be appropriate to name the District's first oversight committee. The Measure E Citizen Oversight Committee was formed in 1999, and included many members who have continued to serve the



in the scope of work and allocation of resources by e the District for these two projects. Based on the Performance Audit and extensive site review, the Audit Subcommittee agreed with this conclusion.

- Montalvin Playground upgrades were completed during summer. The second phase of site work at Montalvin is the soccer field reconstruction, which is anticipated to be awarded for construction in 2007.
- Project designs were completed and construction documents reviewed by the Division of State Architect (“DSA”) for the **Community Kitchens**. This group of projects will retrofit the recently completed elementary school projects with small cooking areas for fundraisers and site use.
- **Modular buildings relocation.**

2006 and is anticipated to be complete by spring 2007. Designs for the DeAnza track and field project are being finalized and will be bid out in early 2007 for construction.

- **Vista Hills Education Center** started construction in late summer of 2006. This alternative secondary + staff development site was approved by the Board as an additional Measure D project. Throughout 2006 District staff worked on designs to accommodate the Alternative School, and a variety of District administrative program functions. It is anticipated that work will be complete on the project in early 2007.

### **Measure J Implementation**

- **Phase I Elementary Projects.** Castro, Dover, Ford, King and Nystrom began the Programming and Master Planning process in 2006. By the end of the year it is anticipated that the Master Plans for Ford and King will be approved by the Board. Planning is continuing at the other elementary sites. Castro site is being considered as a part of the Portola/El Cerrito Middle School relocation process. Nystrom has a complex site planning process underway with the City of Richmond and other groups which is taking additional time to resolve. Dover planning started later than the other schools with the architectural team and site facilities committee close to conclusion on an approach for this campus.
- **The DeAnza High School Reconstruction** project continued Master Planning during 2006. A series of community meetings was held during spring to review proposed reconstruction plans and elicit input from the surrounding community and site. An overall preferred Master Plan, which involves the complete demolition and reconstruction of the campus has been developed by the architects. Unfortunately, the project cost for this approach is substantially higher than the budget. Staff and the architects are developing a renovation option for Board consideration. It is anticipated that this project Master Plan will be approved in December.

### **VIII. Conclusions**

Members of the Citizens Bond Oversight Committee encourage your comments regarding and your support for the most significant construction program in the District's history. We are proud of all that has been accomplished through 2006 because of voter support. The successes (and struggles!) teach us a great deal each year. But we should never lose sight of our mission to educate and care for our children – and support the wellbeing of our community.

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