

MEASURE T
FIRST ANNUAL REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY
July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022

This is the first annual report to the community by the Citizens' Oversight Committee (COC) concerning the status of the School Improvement Bond Measure T, approved by Eureka voters in March 2020. Bond Measure T authorized \$18 million for projects specific to Eureka High School.

Pursuant to state law, the Eureka City Schools' Governing Board appointed a Citizens' Oversight Committee, an independent committee representing various segments of the community. Responsibilities of the committee include informing the public regarding bond construction projects and their costs, ensuring the projects are within the scope of the bond measures and that no bond proceeds are used for any teacher or administrative salaries or other operating costs, and presenting to the Board of Trustees a written report which summarizes the Committee's proceedings and activities for the preceding year, including a statement indicating whether the District is in compliance with requirements of Article XIII A, Section I(b)(3) of the California Constitution.

Committee Activities

The committee met four times during the year at its regularly scheduled quarterly meetings. The first three meetings were held virtually, while the committee met in person for the final meeting of the year. Standing meeting topics include reviewing quarterly and annual financial reports and receiving updates on progress of bond projects.

Project Report

In the year ended June 30, 2022, Eureka City Schools realized no expenses for projects related to Bond Measure T. Portions of the initial planning, engineering, and permitting costs incurred for the Albee Stadium and Cloney Field storm drain replacement project have been charged to Measure S. The Measure T fund balance as of June 30, 2022, is \$17,800,386, which includes interest received.

The district received Division of State Architect (DSA) approval for increment 1 of the Albee Stadium/Cloney Field project in September 2022, and expects to begin construction work in summer 2023. Increment 2 plans are currently being reviewed by DSA.

Bond Sale

The authorized issuance amount of the Measure T General Obligation Bonds is \$18,000,000. Bonds in the amount of \$18,000,000 were issued in March 2022. Combined Building Fund balances for Measure S and Measure T, including interest and other state revenues as of June 30, 2022, is \$36,930,016.

Additional Revenues

The District is applying for state matching funds through the Office of Public School Construction (OPSC). OPSC staff visited the site in order to gain a better understanding of the project scope. The District hopes to have a firm state funding commitment for the project by Fall 2023.

Findings and Conclusion

The firm of James Marta & Company LLP of Sacramento, California, conducted independent performance and financial audits. The objective of the performance audit was to determine with reasonable assurance that “the District expended the Measure T General Obligation Bond funds for the year ended June 30, 2022, only for purposes approved by voters and only for specific projects adopted by the District’s Board of Trustee”, and not for any other purpose. In the opinion of the auditing firm, “Eureka City Schools has properly accounted for the expenditures of Measure T General Obligation Bond Fund”.

James Marta & Company further opined that the fund financial statements “present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Eureka City Schools District Measure T General Obligation Bond Fund as of June 30, 2022, and the results of its operations the fiscal year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.”

The Citizens’ Oversight Committee believes, based on the opinion expressed by the auditing firm of James Marta & Company LLP, that Measure T proceeds have been properly expended only for the purposes set forth in the Bond measure.

Respectfully submitted by the Citizens’ Oversight Committee Members:

Denise Jones, Chair (Taxpayer Organization)
Bert Campton (At-large)
Shalise Miles (At-large)

Becky Reece, Vice Chair (Business Community)
Wendy Harper (School District Parent/Guardian)
Syn-dee Noel (Senior Citizens Organization)