CHULA VISTA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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CHULA VISTA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT
INDEPENDENT CITIZENS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
(MEASURE VV and MEASURE M)

May 17, 2023 – 6 P.M.

1. **Called to Order at 6:03 pm by Minnie Tandy**

2. **Welcome and Introductions**

   Mindy Tandy opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

MEMBERS PRESENT	MEMBERS ABSENT
Nancy Kerwin	Jason Hurtado-Prater
Benjamin Lien	Diane Deugan
Heather Rubio	Martha Juarez
Minnie Tandy	Gloria McKearney

OTHERS PRESENT
Oscar Esquivel, Deputy Superintendent
Jovanim Martinez, CVESD Director Maintenance and Operations
Joseph Dombrowski, CVESD Manager, Grounds and Maintenance
Esmeralda Ayon, CVESD Planning Manager
Bernadette Faustino, CVESD Accounting Manager
Shaun O'Neal, Balfour Beatty Construction
Nancy Rorabaugh, Engie
Kristin Armatis, CVESD Director of Fiscal Services and Support

3. **Approve Minutes of the March 1, 2023, Meeting of the CVESD ICOC**

   Tabled until next meeting since there was no quorum.

4. **Report: Summary of District General Obligation Bond Projects**

   Oscar Esquivel and Bernadette Faustino reported on the PowerPoint attached.

The report covered projected bond issuances beginning in 2023.

Project budget updates:

- A partial refund was issued in the amount of $1 million for the Sunnyside modernization project.

Measure VV completed and in progress projects:

- Maxwell has actual costs of $600K that are mostly soft costs and fees. The project is estimated at $16.6 million. Estimated completion date is August 2024.
- Low voltage/security $2.9 million no expenditures

Measure M In Progress/Completed Projects

- Projects are still currently in progress.
- HVAC and roofing projects with updated costs for phase 5 and 6. Phase 7 is in planning at the moment.

Solar project –

- YTD costs $28.2 million – Nancy with Engie reported out that SDGE has gone out to the site to inspect and the next step is to transition power over to the final solar array and microgrid.

5. Discussion/Possible Approval: 2022-23 CVESD ICOC Annual Report to the Board of Education

The ICOC reviewed the draft presentation to present to the Board of Education. The Chair or Vice Chair will present the report to the Board of Education in June 2023.

Oscar Esquivel invited the ICOC members to attend the June 14, 2023, Board of Education meeting.

Heather requested an additional slide on the PPT after the scope to show what was issued and what the plan is for those dollars.

Oscar Esquivel discussed the issuance of Series A on VV for $100 million ($60 million to repay the BAN, $40 million for projects) and a Series B on M for $62 million for projects. These requests will be moving on the June 2023 Board of Education meeting. Also looking to refinance Measure E with a projected savings of $1.75 million dollars.

6. Approve Meeting Dates for 2023-24 (All meetings are at 6pm, unless otherwise noted):

Proposed meeting date are:

- *September 6, 2023*
- *December 6, 2023*
- *February 28, 2024 (Tentative)*
- *May 8, 2024 (Tentative)*

Tabled until next meeting since there was no quorum.

7. Other Items / Open Discussion

Oscar Esquivel thanked Joe Dombrowski for his service and work in the district. After 24 years of service, Mr. Dombrowski will be retiring.

Public Comment:

Bertha Lopez – resident of CV and owns 2 properties. Thanked committee for volunteer service on the committee. Served on the CVESD Board in the past. Disappointed agenda item HN on the Consent Agenda – Adopt bylaws of the ICOC – Proposed language was giving the Superintendent the power to appoint the ICOC members. Does not state this in statute. ICOC has the responsibility to be the eyes and ears of the community. The ICOC sets its own bylaws and agendas separate of the District. Do not relinquish your [the ICOC] duties to the Superintendent. Advertise the positions, Applications submitted and ICOC recommends to the Board of Education, the BOE appoints.

OE responded to clarify that the resolution was sent through legal and bond counsel regarding the resolution. There is nothing illegal about that process.

Heather Rubio – is there a reason? Why was there a proposal to change?

OE – expedite the process, limit the problem with previous members who had to be removed. Item is not coming back. Same process will be in place as previous. Board decided to not move forward with the guidance.

Delia Domiguez – spoke with outside legal counsel regarding the resolution; motioned to table the resolution and rest of Board voted in the same direction. Superintendent should not select the members who are to monitor the District bond funds. Ed Code says the Board selects the ICOC. Where did the bylaws come from where it says Board or Superintendent? Where is the legal standing on the point?

OE – bylaws were written by legal counsel (*law firm*).

Heather Rubio – what's the best way to appoint members.

OE – Resolution was tabled and not coming back at this point in time.

8. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned by Minnie Tandy at 6:38 pm