

December
2023



Citizens' Oversight Committee

Annual Report



Dear Residents of the Palm Springs Unified School District:

In 2008, residents passed Measure E, a \$516 million bond measure to build additional schools and renovate existing schools and support facilities. These bond funds continue to be spent on capital improvement projects and cannot be spent on teacher or administrator salaries, textbooks, or other operation costs.

One of the requirements of Proposition 39, the legislative authority of Measure E, is to assemble a Citizens' Oversight Committee. Our oversight committee was formed prior to the launch of any and has remained in place as projects are undertaken. The committee meets three times per year and all meetings are open to the public.

The committee's primary function is to review all expenditures of the bond funds to ensure they are being spent as specified in the ballot measure. In addition, the committee is regularly updated on the status of projects and often tours construction sites to review that progress of projects.

One of the goals of the committee is to improve communication with the residents of our district. We believe it is critical that the community understands how their tax dollars are being spent as well as assuring residents that the funds are being spent appropriately.

Additional information regarding the Citizens' Oversight Committee can be found on the PSUSD website, including: meeting agendas, minutes and reports from past meetings. In addition, meeting dates and times are posted here as well as committee vacancies as they occur. We encourage community members to fill out an Application for Membership during the recruitment of vacant seats.

Coc
Web Page!

Visit www.psusd.us.

Citizens' Oversight Committee Members

Richard Clapp - At Large Member

Justin Decker - Parent/Guardian of a PSUSD Student and Active
in PTO/PTA/PTG/Site Council

Scott Fenton - Parent/Guardian of a Student in PSUSD

Helene Kalfuss - At-Large Member

Linda Scudder - Senior Citizen Organization Representative

Vacant - Business Community Representative

Vacant - Taxpayer Organization Representative

Our committee is comprised of seven members representing various constituencies within the District. The committee contains one member from each of five different groups as well as two At-Large members. Members may serve no more than two consecutive 2-year terms.

The COC meets 3 times per year. The purposes of the committee are:

- to actively monitor all projects and expenditures approved by the voters.
- to provide proper oversight and accountability to ensure that bond funds are used as they were intended.
- to report to members of the community on the progress of bond projects.

Project Updates

Modernization Projects:

The Board of Education approved the first phase of modernization and renovation projects which include Della Lindley, Bubbling Wells, Landau and Sunny Sands elementary schools and James Workman Middle and Cathedral City High schools.

The Della Lindley Elementary School modernization will upgrade existing classrooms, administration, kitchen, library, and Multipurpose rooms. The 2-story portables will have new fire alarms and public address systems installed. Temporary classrooms were installed on campus to allow students to move into while the existing classroom modernization work takes place. Construction work started over the 2023 holiday break.

The Landau Elementary School modernization will upgrade existing classrooms, administration, kitchen, library, and Multipurpose rooms. The 2-story portables will have new fire alarms and public address systems installed. Temporary classrooms were installed on campus to allow students to move into while the existing classroom modernization work takes place. Construction work started over the 2023 holiday break.

The Sunny Sands Elementary modernization project will replace all existing classrooms (portables and metal modulars) with new 2-story classroom buildings, kindergarten area, library, and office. The existing multi-purpose building will be renovated to allow for an expanded kitchen area. Temporary classrooms have been installed on campus for students to use while the new classrooms are being constructed. The construction schedule is roughly 30 months from start to finish.

The James Workman Middle School modernization project will upgrade existing classrooms, administration, kitchen, library, and multi-purpose room. The twenty portable classrooms will be replaced with new constructed classrooms. The portables classrooms have been removed from the school and the construction of the new classrooms started in November 2023. Upon completion of the new classrooms, students will rotate in and out as the existing classroom undergo modernization.

The Cathedral City High School modernization project will upgrade existing classrooms, administration, kitchen, library, and auxiliary buildings. The scope of work is exceptionally large for the high school and was divided into two increments. The first increment includes the central plant replacement, revisions to underground utilities, replacement of classroom lighting and air handles and roofing replacement where new HVAC is required. Increment one plans anticipate receiving DSA approval in January 2024. The increment two portion of the modernization work covers all the classrooms, administration, gym media centers and food service areas.

The Bubbling Wells Elementary School modernization project is in the initial investigative and preliminary analysis stage to set a scope of work.

Project Updates

Nellie Coffman Middle Locker Room Upgrades

The locker-rooms at Nellie Coffman Middle school built in 1978 required renovation for current physical education needs. New plumbing, toilets, showers, and tile are being installed. The lockers and shower areas are redesigned to allow for an indoor class size area in each locker room. The indoor class area can be used to take roll or teach on inclement weather days. A View sonic will be installed on the back wall of each locker room to allow for instruction of health and other related topics. The renovation work started during the Thanksgiving break and is scheduled to be completed by August 2024.

Palm Springs High School Locker Room HVAC Replacement

The locker-rooms at Palm Springs High School are swamp coolers which are not functioning. The swamp coolers will be removed and new efficient heating and ventilation equipment will be installed. Work is scheduled to start over Spring break 2024.

Facilities Master Plan

The 2019 Facilities Master Plan is a long-term blueprint for meeting the changing facility needs of the district. Developed with input from the community, parents, and school and district staff, the plan contains a needs assessment for every school in the district. The plan also contains recommendations on school reconfiguration and rehabilitation to align facilities best with future curriculum needs with the axiom of "Instruction Drives Construction." Projects are prioritized with the highest priority going to safety and security of campuses and buildings, creating engaging learning environments to support and advance teaching and learning environments, renovate and replace aging infrastructure. The Facilities Master Plan will be updated in 2022 to include the new grade level of transitional kindergarten. The State of California desires all four-year old to have access to all day school by 2025. This is the first time in the history of the State of California, a new grade level was added.

Elementary School #17

PSUSD owns land in western Desert Hot Springs, near interstate 62, north of Pierson Road. Plans will start for this school when enrollment near the school property is sufficient to require construction of a new elementary school.

Palm Desert K-8 School

PSUSD owns land in eastside of Gateway and south of 35th Avenue in the City of Palm Desert. Plans will start for this school when enrollment near the school property is sufficient to require construction of a new K – 8 school.

Completed Projects

Palm Springs High School Seismic Building Renovations
Classroom 900 & 901 Upgrades at Palm Springs High School
District-wide Prop 39 Lighting Projects
Central Plant Replacement at the Richards Center:
Parking Lot Improvements at Rio Vista and Cathedral City Elementary Schools:
Elementary Shade Canopies:
Parking Lot Improvements at Della Lindley Elementary School:
DHSHS HVAC Addition at Locker Rooms:
Agua Caliente Elementary Renovation
Nellie Coffman Central Plant Upgrades
District-wide heating and air conditioning replacements at Desert Hot Springs High
and Cielo Vista Charter Schools
Palm Springs High School Field Restroom building
Parking Lot Improvements at Two Bunch Palms and Katherine Finchy Elementary
Schools
Cathedral City High School Solar and Re-roof Project
District-wide heating and air conditioning replacements at Palm Springs High, James
Workman Middle, and Mount San Jacinto High Schools
Raymond Cree Portable Replacement
District-wide Swimming Pool
Roof Replacements at Rancho Mirage Elementary, Raymond Cree and James
Workman Middle Schools
District-wide Fire and Intrusion Alarm Upgrades
Palm Springs High Auditorium Renovation-Seismic Upgrades
Raymond Cree Restroom and Locker room Renovations
District-wide Voice over Internet Protocol (VOIP)
Rancho Mirage High School Exterior Restroom building
Bubbling Wells parking lot revisions
Palm Springs High Field House and Concession Building
Raymond Cree Chiller and Cooling Tower Replacement Project
Edward Wenzlaff Education Center Renovation
Bella Vista Elementary School
District-wide Playground Upgrades
Rancho Mirage High School
Palm Springs High New Band Room
Cabot Yerxa Elementary School
Painted Hills Middle School
Cathedral City High Stadium Snack Bar, Restrooms and Girls Varsity Softball Dugouts
New Service Center
Nellie Coffman Middle 100 Wing Renovation
Nellie Coffman Middle Seismic Retrofit

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Citizen Oversight Committee Annual Report Measure E - Ongoing

Active Projects	Gross Expenditures thru 09/30/2023	Estimate to Complete	Total Project	Less: Approved State Funding	Estimated Bond Expenditures	Comments
Bubbling Wells MOD Design	\$ 38,156	\$ 961,844	\$ 1,000,000	\$ -	\$ 1,000,000	
Cathedral City H.S. MOD Design	\$ 3,416,060	\$ 1,115,044	\$ 4,531,104	\$ -	\$ 4,531,104	split funded with MEAS I, ESSER III and State Funds for a total project budget of \$96,531,104
Della S Lindley MOD Design	\$ 1,268,727	\$ 354,836	\$ 1,623,563	\$ -	\$ 1,623,563	split funded with MEAS I for a total project budget of \$19,873,563
DLA 500 BLDG	\$ 1,200,000	\$ -	\$ 1,200,000	\$ -	\$ 1,200,000	split funded with Developer Fees for a total project budget of \$12,500,000
Facilities Master Plan Update	\$ 327,282	\$ 122,718	\$ 450,000	\$ -	\$ 450,000	
James Workman M.S. MOD Design	\$ 2,233,929	\$ 1,016,071	\$ 3,250,000	\$ -	\$ 3,250,000	split funded with DEV. Fees and State Funding for a total project budget of \$49,950,000
Landau ELEM MOD Design	\$ 1,565,389	\$ (10,565)	\$ 1,554,824	\$ -	\$ 1,554,824	split funded with MEAS I for a total project budget of \$38,964,824
Nellie Coffman Locker Room Upgrades	\$ 206,931	\$ 1,793,069	\$ 2,000,000	\$ -	\$ 2,000,000	
Palm Springs H.S. Locker Room HVAC	\$ 169,290	\$ 1,329,710	\$ 1,499,000	\$ -	\$ 1,499,000	
Palm Springs H.S. Seismic	\$ 33,836,519	\$ 152,377	\$ 33,988,896	\$ -	\$ 33,988,896	final reduced budget
Sunny Sands ELEM MOD Design	\$ 1,599,647	\$ (9,508)	\$ 1,590,139	\$ -	\$ 1,590,139	split funded with MEAS I and State funds for a total project budget of \$40,098,399
Other Bond Costs	\$ 282,333	\$ 200,000	\$ 482,333	\$ -	\$ 482,333	ongoing
Completed Projects	\$ 323,859,562	\$ 180,961	\$ 324,040,523	\$ 7,013,076	\$ 316,846,486	
Total Measure E	370,003,824.59	7,206,557	377,210,382	7,013,076	370,016,345	

Measure E Funds received	\$ 304,690,000
State Funds received and transferred to Fund 21	\$ 69,543,216
Interest earned	\$ 9,377,863
Refunds	\$ 125,996
Current and Complete Projects	\$ (370,016,345)
remaining Measure E Funds	\$ 13,720,731 to be used for current MOD projects

Citizen Oversight Committee Annual Report Measure I - Ongoing

Active Projects	Gross Expenditures thru 09/30/2023	Estimate to Complete	Total Project	Less: Approved State Funding	Estimated Bond Expenditures	Comments
Cathedral City H.S. MOD Design	\$ -	\$ 71,000,000	\$ 71,000,000	\$ -	\$ 71,000,000	split funded with MEAS I, ESSER III and State Funds for a total project budget of \$96,531,104
Della S Lindley MOD Design	\$ -	\$ 18,250,000	\$ 18,250,000	\$ -	\$ 18,250,000	split funded with MEAS I for a total project budget of \$19,873,563
James Workman M.S. MOD Design	\$ -	\$ 6,160,000	\$ 6,160,000	\$ -	\$ 6,160,000	split funded with DEV. Fees and State Funding for a total project budget of \$49,950,000
Landau ELEM MOD Design	\$ 385,641	\$ 37,024,359	\$ 37,410,000	\$ -	\$ 37,410,000	split funded with MEAS I for a total project budget of \$38,964,824
Sunny Sands ELEM MOD Design	\$ 263,826	\$ 37,951,974	\$ 38,215,800	\$ -	\$ 38,215,800	split funded with MEAS I and State funds for a total project budget of \$40,098,399
Other Bond Costs	\$ 5,473	\$ 200,000	\$ 205,473	\$ -	\$ 205,473	ongoing
Completed Projects	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Total Measure I	654,939.51	170,586,333	171,241,273	-	171,241,273	

Measure I Funds received	\$ 118,000,000
Measure I Funds not yet issued	\$ 98,460,965
Interest earned	\$ 3,849,340
Refunds	\$ -
Current and Complete Projects	\$ (171,241,273)
Approved Future Projects	\$ -
uncommitted Measure I Funds	\$ 49,069,033

Approved Future Project Budgets:

Desert Hot Springs new elementary land	\$ 2,000,000
	<u>\$ 2,000,000</u>

Independent Financial and Performance Audits

In Compliance with the requirements of Proposition 39, PSUSD engaged the CPA firm of Eide Bailly to perform an independent audit of the financial records of the bond program. A copy of the auditors’ report for the year ending June 30, 2023 is located on the Palm Springs Unified School District website—Fiscal Services Financial Documents section.

In accordance with Education Code Section 15280(b), the auditors reported the following results of their procedures:

1. The general obligation bond fund expenditures were accounted for separately in the Building Fund of the District.
2. The net proceeds from the sale of the general obligation bonds were deposited into the appropriate accounts within the Building Fund.

The review of the expenditures for the period of July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023 did not reveal any items that were paid from the general obligation bond funds that did not comply with the purpose of the Bonds that were approved by the registered voters of the District on February 5, 2008.

The auditors also noted “there were no findings or recommendations reported.”

In its review of the documents for the year ending June 30, 2022, the Committee has made the following findings:

	Yes	No
A. The committee met on a regular basis in compliance with State law.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
B. The committee has received reports, updates, information on the expenditure of the bond funds, and reviewed the expenditures made on projects authorized under the bond measure.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
C. Bond funds have been expended on the identified projects authorized by the bond measure.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
D. No Bond measure funds have been spent on teacher/ administrator salaries or other school operating expenses.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
E. The annual fiscal and performance audit has been prepared by the school district and reviewed by the committee.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
F. The committee has received all necessary and requested technical and administrative assistance from the school district.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
G. The committee internet web site is operating and includes all required documentation and information.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

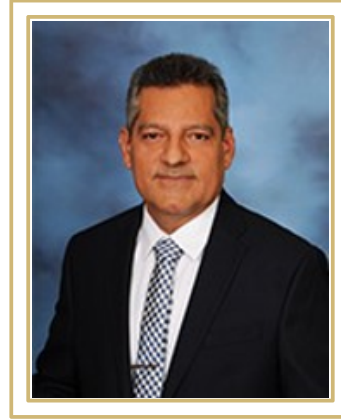
Measure E Financial and Performance Audit Ending June 30, 2023

Measure I Financial and Performance Audit Ending June 30, 2023

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Board of Education
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