

WEST HILLS COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
9900 Cody Street
Coalinga, CA 93210

MINUTES OF THE CITIZENS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE FOR SFID #1
December 14, 2010

6:30 p.m.

North District Center
Room 31
1511 Ninth Street
Firebaugh, CA 93622

COC Attendees:

Gilbert Rossette, Gilbert Coelho, and Jorge Lazo

Others:

Willard Lewallen, Jack Minnite, Ken Stoppenbrink, Jill Stearns, Byron Woods, Richard Treece, Wicus Postma, and Frances Squire

1. Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order by Coelho at 6:40 p.m.
- Flag Salute was led by Gilbert Coelho.
- Public Comments
No comments at this time.

2. Action Items

- A. Consideration of approval of minutes of September 7, 2010 meeting.
 - a. No action taken - lack of quorum.

3. Information/Discussion/Presentations

- A. Measure Q Projects, Cash Flow and Expenditures
 - a. Richard Treece and Willard Lewallen reviewed all facilities projects and expenditures on updated recap sheet. There was some discussion about planned solar voltaic project to be constructed at the Farm of the Future. Measures Q, C, and L will contribute funds to the project because all district sites will benefit from the energy that is generated.
- B. Activity Reports
 - a. San Joaquin Center
Construction and renovation are progressing. Furniture and technology equipment are under review and will be ordered. It is

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anticipated that facility will be completed before the end of the spring 2011 semester.

b. NDC Parking Expansion

Weather has hampered progress, but project will be completed during the spring 2011 semester. The building acquired on the south side of the center property will be demolished to clear the way for the parking improvements on that side of the Center.

c. NDC Facilities Planning Team

Activity report was shared with the committee as an information item.

C. Update on NDC proposed new facility

There was no statewide education bond measure in 2008 or 2010. Next opportunity for a bond measure will be 2012. The project has been scored very high by the state Chancellor's Office so we are positioned well once funding becomes available. We have our matching funds for the project through Measure Q.

D. Update on Mendota outreach/learning center

Conceptual proposals were provided to both the Mendota Unified School District and the city of Mendota. There are continuing discussions with both organizations about possible locations for an outreach center.

Superintendent Rossette recommended that his new board members be seated before making another presentation. Willard Lewallen will follow up in the new year with Superintendent Rossette.

E. Measure Q bond rating and projected sales of Series B bonds

Ken Stoppenbrink reviewed Standard & Poor's November 29, 2010 rating of general obligation bonds. S&P issued an A+ rating for 2011 refunding bonds. The decision to purchase insurance for a AAA rating will be made at the time of the bonds sale. The decision hinges on whether purchasing the insurance for a higher rating will save taxpayers money. If insurance costs more than the savings to taxpayers, we don't buy the insurance.

Current projections are to issue Series B funds in 2011, Series C funds in 2014, and Series D funds in 2017.

4. Announcements and Upcoming Events

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Next meetings:

March 22, 2011 and June 21, 2011

December 15 - Dedication of Wellness Center on Coalinga campus

5. Committee Members Comments and Requests

Jose Ramirez asked for follow up with LEED certification and what direction we're going to take.

6. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

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