



Summary of the Citizen's Bond Oversight Committee

Proceedings and Activities 2008-09

Meetings of the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee

The Committee conducts its meetings in accordance with the provisions of the Ralph M. Brown Public Meeting Act, Government Code Sections 54950 et seq. Meeting notices and agendas are sent to members of the Committee within the required period and are posted at RCCD campuses and education centers. Meeting notices, agendas, minutes, and documents and reports received by the Committee are a matter of public record and are available through the RCCD website: <http://www.rcc.edu/cboc> or by calling the RCCD Public Affairs & Institutional Advancement Office at (951) 222-8857.

Meeting – October 16, 2008

Riverside City College
Digital Library & Learning Resource Center
4th Floor Conference Room
4800 Magnolia Avenue
Riverside, CA 92506

- Vice Chairman Peter Serbantes was nominated and selected to serve as chairman of the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee for the 2008/09 academic year. Committee member Brian Unitt was selected to serve as vice chairman.
- Vincenti Lloyd & Stutzman representative Renee Graves presented the annual independent audit of Measure C expenditures. The Committee accepted the audit report.
- District Facilities managers presented a report detailing Measure C construction status and Vice Chancellor Jim Buysse discussed the Board of Trustees' commitment to hiring local contractors and the outreach efforts to local labor organizations.
- Committee members reviewed the Measure C Financial Update, which detailed expenditures of Series A & B bonds through June 30, 2008; discussion occurred related to current bond issuances and remaining financial balances.
- Vice Chancellor Buysse discussed the statewide education bond and the impact on RCCD projects of the bond not being placed on the upcoming November ballot.
- The Committee set the locations for CBOC meetings through October 2009.
- The service of outgoing committee members was recognized.

Meeting – January 15, 2009

Norco Campus
Science & Technology Building
Room 107
2001 Third Street
Norco, CA 92860

- RCCD Norco Campus President Brenda Davis and Vice President Gaither Loewenstein presented an update on campus building projects and activities, including a fly-over video depicting the planned Student Success Center, a review of the Industrial Technology Building, and details of secondary effects projects (science labs, health services expansion, and campus police and faculty resource center expansion). Questions from Committee members concerned services in the Success Center, a proposed culinary arts program in Corona, and the status of town-and-gown relationships with Norco and Corona.
- Associate Vice Chancellor Orin Williams discussed other Measure C projects under development throughout the District, including the Innovative Learning Center at Stokoe Elementary School, an academic services project at the Moreno Valley Campus, and network operations centers. In response to Committee questions, Mr. Williams also discussed the RFQ and RFP processes related to construction.
- The Committee reviewed the Measure C financial commitments report. Finance and Administration reported that nearly \$240 million in state and other funds had been leveraged through Measure C, and projected that the original \$350 million Measure C bond would generate nearly \$750 million in construction activity.
- Committee members discussed cost and energy savings measures incorporated into capital construction projects at the District and requested information about future parking facilities and plans for a south Corona facility.
- Piper Jaffray representative Mark Farrel discussed the processes under which bonds can be issued, reviewed RCCD's series A, B and C issuances, and reviewed the Board's commitment to holding taxpayer rate to \$18/\$100,000 of assessed property value.



Construction on the Norco Campus Industrial Technology Center.

Meeting – April 16, 2009

Moreno Valley Campus
Humanities Building
Room 234
16130 Lasselle Street
Moreno Valley, CA 92551

- RCCD Moreno Valley Campus Vice President Romali reported on campus planning and facilities, including efforts to ready the campus for the October 2009 accreditation visit; Allied Health programs on campus at the Parkside Complex; the planned parking structure and the cafeteria expansion; and the Dental Hygiene Program and March Dental Education Center. Ms. Romali also presented a Powerpoint that included information concerning Measure C expenditures on the campus and an across-the-district comparison.



- Committee members asked questions about whether the new cafeteria would have a culinary program associated with it and about the types of outreach and assistance services being offered to students during these difficult economic times. The Moreno Valley Campus offers guidance services, book scholarships, and basic care packages to disadvantaged students.
- Committee members reviewed the Measure C projects update, which included information about the Norco Industrial Technology Building; the planned Center for Health, Wellness and Kinesiology at Norco; and the Nursing/ Science Building at Riverside City College.
- Committee Chair Serbantes asked about ADA transition plans at the three campuses; staff committed to providing that information at a future meeting. Mr. Serbantes also requested information about multiple prime contractors at the Norco Campus, how bid packages are developed, and outreach efforts to local contractors. Staff will return to the committee with a report.
- Vice Chancellor Jim Buysse distributed a report from Stradling, Yocca, Carlson & Rauth concerning the Attorney General's opinion on "Cash-out Refunding" as it relates to general obligation bonds.
- Committee members reviewed the Measure C Financial Update, which detailed expenditures of Series A & B bonds through March 30, 2009.
- Committee member Israel Landa requested information about the transitions of campus vs. district control and allocation of Measure C funds.
- RCCD student Marvin DeLeon spoke during the public comment session, enquiring into District plans for alternative energy use, particularly solar power.



Parkside Complex at the Moreno Valley Campus.

Meeting – July 16, 2009

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- Committee members reviewed the Measure C Financial Update, which detailed expenditures through June 30, 2009. Members Landa and Unitt asked the following respective questions: plans for future parking facilities at RCC given upcoming construction on the Nursing/Science Building and the fiscal likelihood of the District being able to go out for a new bond issuance given the economic climate. Staff reported that plans for future RCC parking are being discussed and that a recent K-12 bond issuance indicates that there is still a reasonable market for education bonds.
- Committee members received updates about the current status of Measure C projects. Facilities and Planning staff also presented reports on the use of local workers and companies on Measure C projects; an update on multiple prime contractors at the Norco Campus, how bid packages are developed, and outreach efforts to local contractors; and the timeline governing ADA transition and compliance on the campuses.
- Vice Chancellor Jim Buysse gave Committee members an update regarding the Attorney General's opinion concerning general obligation bonds and the legality of using bond proceeds to pay the salary of employees whose work is directly tied to management of bond projects and cover the cost of temporary facilities used as swing space during construction phases. Dr. Buysse reported that the District has always followed the AG's guidelines.
- In the week following the meeting, committee members approved by email polling a draft of the 2008/09 CBOC Annual Report and its placement on the August 18, 2009 Board of Trustees meeting as an information item. This process was necessary since there was not a quorum of members present at the July 16 meeting.

Statement of Compliance

This Annual Report is submitted to the Board of Trustees by the Riverside Community College District Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee.

This Committee advises that, to the best of its knowledge, the Riverside Community College District complies with the requirements in Article XIII A, Section 1(b) (3) of the California Constitution. In particular, bond revenue has been expended only for the purposes so described in Measure C and no funds were used for any teacher or administrative salaries or other operating expenses as prohibited by Article XIII A, Section (b) (s) (a) of the California Constitution.

Respectfully submitted:
Peter Serbantes, Chair
Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee

Date: August 18, 2009



2009 Norco Commencement was held on the new soccer field funded through Measure C.

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2008/09 Annual Report



Submitted to the
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Board of Trustees
August 18, 2009

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Annual Report



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