

PALM SPRINGS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
**CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE**  
**ANNUAL REPORT**

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**MEASURE**

**E**



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 will 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 projects and has remained in place as projects are undertaken. The committee meets three to four times per year and all meetings are open to the public.

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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 the progress of projects.

To ensure that bond funds are being spent appropriately, one of the goals of the committee is to improve communication with the residents. We believe it is critical that the community understand how their tax dollars are being spent as well as assuring residents that the funds are being spent appropriately. Please feel free to attend one of our upcoming meetings. If you have any questions or comments, do not hesitate to contact any of the committee members or phone the School District at (760) 416-6126.



## **Committee Members**

**and**

## **Term Endings**

**Diane Ross**

Senior Citizen Organization  
Representative  
(May 2018)

**Zindi Aguirre (Co-Chair)**

At-Large Member  
(May 2018)

**Asia Horton**

At-Large Member  
(May 2018)

**Henry Hampton (Chair)**

Parent/Guardian of a PSUSD Student and  
Active in PTO/PTA/PTG/Site Council)  
(May 2019)

**Dee Dee Wilson Barton**

Business Community  
Representative  
(May 2019)

**Deborah Lucas**

Parent/Guardian of a Student in PSUSD  
(May 2018)

**Benjamin Anglin**

Taxpayer Organization Representative  
(May 2018)

## **CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Our committee is comprised of seven members representing various constituencies within the District. The committee must contain one member from each of five different groups (business community, a parent or guardian of a child enrolled within the District, a parent or guardian of a child enrolled within the District and also active in their school's PTO, PTA, or school site council; senior citizen organization; and a taxpayer organization), as well as two at-large members. Members may serve no more than two consecutive two year terms.

### **CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE WEB PAGE**

The Citizens' Oversight Committee has their own web page, <http://www.psusd.us/domain/2213>. It can be reached via a direct link on the PSUSD website. On the web site, you can find helpful information regarding the committee including: agendas, minutes and reports from the meetings. In addition, you can find an "Application for Membership," if you are interested in serving on the committee when there is an opening.



Citizen's Oversight Committee members (left to right)  
DeeDee Wilson Barton, Diane Ross, Asia Horton, Deborah Lucas,  
Zindi Aguirre and Benjamin Anglin  
(Not pictured: Henry Hampton)



## INDEPENDENT FINANCIAL AND PERFORMANCE AUDITS

In Compliance with the requirements of Proposition 39, PSUSD engaged the CPA firm of Vavrinek, Trine, Day & Co., LLP, 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, 2017 is located on the Citizens' Oversight Committee web site at <http://www.psusd.us/domain/2213>

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, 2016 to June 30, 2017 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 November 2, 2004 and February 5, 2008.

The auditors also noted "there were no findings and recommendations reported." In its review of the documents for the year ending June 30, 2017, 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"/>	



# Project

## MEASURE E PROJECT UPDATES

There are a number of projects under way with the funds from Measure E. These projects are:



**Facilities Master Plan** - The California Department of Education requires California school districts to prepare and/or update their Facilities Master Plan (FMP) for their district every five years. The district last updated their FMP in 2013. The Facility 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 over the last year, the plan will contain a needs assessment for every school in the district, as well as recommendations on school reconfiguration and rehabilitation to align facilities best with future curriculum needs. Simply put "*Instruction drives Construction*". Projects will be 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.

PBK Architects is facilitating the FMP process which started in April 2017 and is currently working on soliciting community input. Upon completion, the draft plan will be presented to the Board of Education for approval and used to focus on high needs projects.

**District-wide Swimming Pool** – The construction of the new PSUSD pool located at Cathedral City High School is now complete and a groundbreaking ceremony was held on March 21 2017. The ceremony was well attended by members of the community, parents, students, PSUSD Board members, local and state law makers as well as Gary Hall, Jr., a 10-time medalist as an Olympic Swimmer. The new district-wide 25 yard by 30 meter pool located at Cathedral City High School is a Myrtha package pool, known as an industry leader in international water event competitions. Instead of plaster, it features stainless steel wall panels and perimeter gutter systems with a baked on PVC liner on the water side of the pool wall. The Myrtha pool uses fewer chemicals and requires less maintenance than a traditional plaster pool due to the PVC liner walls. This type of system does not need re-plastering every 10 years and the liner is expected to last roughly 25 years. In addition the Myrtha pool comes with a 15-year manufacturer's warranty against defects in the pool wall panels, gutter components and PVC liner. The pool meets CIF competition size standards and accommodates high school swim competitions and water polo matches for Cathedral City High and Rancho Mirage High Schools.



**Cathedral City High Solar and Re-roof Project** – The CCHS gymnasium building's 25-year-old roof has been replaced. The 14,000 sq. ft. roof will have 319 solar panels installed to offset the cost of the pool and stadium's electricity. The system will produce 169,045 kWh of electricity which reduces the emissions of carbon dioxide or greenhouse gases equivalent to planting 112 acres of US forest per year. The new solar array should be completed by spring 2018.



# Updates

**Palm Springs High School Field Restroom Building** – An exterior new restroom building will be installed at Palm Springs High for use by the public for baseball, tennis and softball games. The installation is scheduled for completion by August 2018.

**Proposition 39 HVAC and Lighting Projects** – The California Energy Commission through Proposition 39 has granted PSUSD roughly \$5 million dollars over a 5 year period to replace inefficient air conditioning units and lights fixtures. In order to maximize the energy savings, the District added bond funds to each project to ensure all fixtures and units at each of the schools can be replaced. These upgrades are taking place at James Workman Middle, Mount San Jacinto High, Cielo Vista Charter, Palm Springs High, Cathedral City High, Desert Hot Springs High, Desert Springs Middle, Vista Del Monte Elementary, Bella Vista Elementary, Rio Vista Elementary, Katherine Finchy Elementary, Cabot Yerxa Elementary, Cahuilla Elementary, Raymond Cree Middle and Cathedral City Elementary.

**Roof Replacements at Rancho Mirage Elementary, Raymond Cree and James Workman Middle Schools** – Three schools were included in an extensive summer roof replacement project: 1) Raymond Cree Middle had approximately 60,000 sq.ft. of roof removed and replaced; 2) James Workman Middle had 30,000 sq.ft. of roof repaired, removed and replaced; and 3) Rancho Mirage Elementary had 30,000 sq.ft. roof removed and replaced. The project started in May 2017 and finish in December 2017. The cost of the new roofs at the above 3 schools was \$5,100,000 and includes a 25-year warranty on the new roofs.

**District-wide heating and air conditioning replacements at Palm Springs High, James Workman Middle and Mount San Jacinto High Schools** – The existing air conditioning units at Palm Springs High School are 23 years old and installed in a non-efficient manner as the hot air return of the units fed directly into the fresh air intake of the adjacent units. The existing equipment was removed from their current positions, relocated to the roof and replaced with high efficiency equipment. A total of 99 air conditioning units were removed and replaced including four new units were added to the locker rooms area. The project is 95% complete with the remaining work to finish in January 2018. The air conditioning units at James Workman Middle and Mt. San Jacinto High Schools were 22 years old and in need of replacement. A total of 48 air conditioning units at James Workman Middle and 29 units at Mt. San Jacinto High were removed and replaced over the summer of 2017. The replacement of the old outdated units is estimated to bring an annual saving of 435,906 kWh which equates to almost \$70,000 in annual savings.



**Nellie Coffman Central Plant Upgrades** - The central plant at Nellie Coffman Middle School (NCMS) consists of 2 cooling towers and 2 chiller units which were installed when the school was built in 1975. The cooling towers are the original units and their life cycle is 30 years so the towers are over 10 years past the end of its useful life. The heating and chiller units have an estimated life cycle of 20 years and NCMS's units were replaced in 1997 but now are 10 years past the end of their useful life cycle as well. The project scope consists of replacement of two cooling towers, one of two chillers and all electrical distribution gear serving the entire NCMS campus. The other existing chiller failed in June 2017 and was replaced with a new chiller over the summer 2017. In addition to the cooling tower equipment, the main Southern California Edison electrical service which is also original to the campus has deteriorated and needs to be replaced due to on-going maintenance safety concerns by SCE. The architect has prepared design documents which have been



submitted to the Division of State Architect (DSA) for review and approval. Upon receiving DSA's approval, the project will start in summer 2018 with estimated completion by winter 2018.

**Raymond Cree Portable Replacement** – The existing portable classrooms at Raymond Cree Middle were 30-plus years old. They were replaced with eight permanent buildings and the additional of a new student restroom facility. The day after school was out in June 2016, the portables were moved to the basketball hard courts and the new construction began for the permanent buildings. The new classrooms were ready for students in February 2017. The old portables were removed from the school site and the basketball courts areas received new asphalt and basketball court striping.



**Aqua Caliente Elementary Renovation** – The renovation of the existing Aqua Caliente Elementary campus is under way. The existing school buildings will be torn down and new buildings are being constructed, including two-story classroom buildings. The administration and library area, multi-purpose building, classrooms and parking lots will be rearranged on the school site. The construction started in May 2017 and new buildings are estimated to be completed in December 2018. Once the new buildings are constructed, the old building will be removed and a new playground will be installed. Project completion is scheduled for Spring 2019.

**Palm Springs High School Seismic Building Renovations** – Palm Springs High School has 5 buildings built prior to 1980 that are in need of seismic upgrades. The PSHS library and cafeteria were built in the 1940's and have been identified as potential class 1 historic buildings, and the gymnasium, multipurpose and choir buildings built between 1950s and 1980s are included in the scope of the project. The structural design and upgrades is in process and construction is scheduled to start in the summer of 2019.

**Elementary Shade Canopies** – As continued awareness of the importance of having our younger students stay physically active while making accommodations to the Coachella Valley desert's environment, most healthy children can safely participate in outdoor sports and other physical activities through a wide range of challenging warm to hot climatic conditions. Playfield shade structures will be installed at each of the district's 16 elementary schools. The shade structures will have metal canopies and will be approximately 30 feet by 60 feet.

**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 35<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Other** – Bond issuance costs, arbitrage fees and other non-construction costs are paid from Measure E bond funds.

**Completed Projects:**

Bella Vista Elementary School  
Rancho Mirage High School  
Cabot Yerxa Elementary School  
Cathedral City High Stadium Snack Bar,  
Restrooms and Girls Varsity Softball Dugouts  
Painted Hills Middle School  
Palm Springs High School Field House and  
Concession Building  
Edward Wenzlaff Education Center Renovation  
Rancho Mirage High Exterior Restroom Building  
Palm Springs High School Auditorium Renovation-  
Seismic Upgrades  
District-wide Voice Over Internet Protocol (VOIP)

District-wide Playground Upgrades  
Palm Springs High School New Band Room  
New Service Center  
Nellie Coffman Middle Seismic Retrofit  
Nellie Coffman Middle 100 Wing Renovation  
Bubbling Wells parking Lot Revisions  
Raymond Cree Chiller and Cooling  
Tower Replacement Project  
District-wide Fire and Intrusion Alarm  
Upgrades  
Raymond Cree Middle School Restroom and  
Locker Room Renovations



## Measure E Bonds

Active Projects	Gross Expenditures thru 09/30/2017	Estimate to Complete	Total Project	Less: Approved State Funding	Estimated Bond Expenditures	Comments
Agua Caliente Modernization	\$ 9,300,372	\$ 22,699,628	\$ 46,177,014	\$ -	\$ 46,177,014	
Bubbling Wells Parking Lot	\$ 596,259	\$ 5,083	\$ 601,342	\$ -	\$ 601,342	
CCHS Pool Solar and Roofing	\$ 142,904	\$ 857,096	\$ 1,000,000	\$ -	\$ 1,000,000	
Facilities Master Plan Update	\$ 24,900	\$ 425,100	\$ 450,000		\$ 450,000	
James Workman M. S. Roof Repair	\$ 1,049,020	\$ 106,980	\$ 1,156,000		\$ 1,156,000	
Landau Staff Parking Lot	\$ 51,139	\$ 598,861	\$ 650,000		\$ 650,000	
Maintenance & Operations Bond Projects	\$ 125,721	\$ 7,674,279	\$ 7,800,000		\$ 7,800,000	
Nellie Coffman Chiller	\$ 313,603	\$ 5,686,397	\$ 6,000,000		\$ 6,000,000	
Prop 39 HVAC and Lighting	\$ 1,069,859	\$ 830,141	\$ 1,900,000		\$ 1,900,000	
PSHS Auditorium/Seismic	\$ 15,661,095	\$ 38,905	\$ 15,700,000	\$ 4,797,521	\$ 10,902,479	
PSHS Restroom Building	\$ 54,387	\$ 470,613	\$ 525,000	\$ -	\$ 525,000	
Rancho Mirage Elem. Roof Repair	\$ 1,246,925	\$ 138,075	\$ 1,385,000		\$ 1,385,000	
Raymond Cree Classrooms Building	\$ 4,307,618	\$ 34,698	\$ 4,342,316	\$ -	\$ 4,342,316	
Raymond Cree M.S. Roof Repair	\$ 1,803,588	\$ 696,412	\$ 2,500,000		\$ 2,500,000	
Other Bond Costs	\$ 201,215	\$ 17,500	\$ 218,715	\$ -	\$ 218,715	ongoing
Completed Projects	\$ 224,167,223	\$ 528,284	\$ 224,695,507	\$ 71,087,938	\$ 153,607,569	
<b>Total Measure E</b>	<b>\$ 260,115,828</b>	<b>\$ 40,808,052</b>	<b>\$ 315,100,895</b>	<b>\$ 75,885,459</b>	<b>\$ 239,215,436</b>	

Measure E Funds received	\$ 304,690,000
Interest earned	\$ 3,676,735
Refunds	\$ 120,978
uncommitted	<u>\$ 69,272,277</u>

Approved Future Project Budgets:	Estimated Cost
Rancho Mirage K-8	on hold
DW HVAC projects	\$ 2,887,000
District wide HVAC, Roof, Parking, Shade	\$ 1,200,000
Desert Hot Springs new elementary land	\$ 2,000,000
4 Elem School Parking Lot reconfigurations	\$ 1,000,000
Elem Traffic Study	\$ 275,000
Multi Site Retro Commissioning	\$ 275,000
Surplus Property and 711 committee Serv	\$ 100,000
AB 300 Seismic investigation	\$ 250,000
	<u>\$ 7,987,000</u>



## CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE UPCOMING MEETING DATES

January 22, 2018 at 6:00 pm

May 2018 and October 2018—TBD

Palm Springs Unified School District Board Room

### Desert Springs Middle School New Solar Canopies

An additional \$1,602,073 Grant from South Coast Air Quality Management District AB 1318 Mitigation Fees Fund was awarded to the PSUSD for the installation of solar panels at Desert Springs Middle School in January 2017. The grant funds will cover the cost of a solar system which includes the following:

System Size 460 kW/DC

Annual Production of 793,000 kWh

1314 350-W SunPower panels

The solar system is sized to provide an estimated 77% offset of the school's electrical usage and estimated annual savings of \$140,664.

The solar canopy arrays are located in the front parking lot allowing for shaded parking and on the sports field hardcourt area allowing for shade for students on hot days.

The array installation will be completed in January 2018.



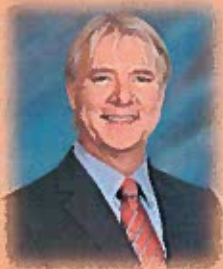
### District Solar Projects

In 2013, PSUSD was awarded \$3,000,000 in grant funds from the AB 1318 Emissions Mitigation Fees (EMF) Funds distributed by South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) for three schools that are within the 6 mile zone of the Sentinel Peaker Plant.

Since May 2014, with the installation of 2,252 solar panels, PSUSD has saved an estimated \$332,899 in producing its own power. In addition PSUSD has received \$160,547 in rebates.

## **Palm Springs Unified School District Board of Education**

December 2017



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