



# WEST HILLS COLLEGE COALINGA

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## DRAFT MINUTES OF THE CITIZENS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE FOR SCHOOL FACILITIES IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT (SFID) No. 1 - MEASURE Q

**DATE:** Thursday, September 18, 2014  
**TIME:** 6:30 p.m. (dinner at 6:00 p.m.)  
**LOCATION:** North District Center  
Firebaugh, CA

COC Attendees: Gilbert Coelho, Miguel Arias and Jose Ochoa

Absent: Marcia Sablan and Amarpreet Dhaliwal

Other Attendees: Byron Woods and Carole Goldsmith

Guests: Craig Knight, Alfred Valdez, Juan Guzman and Jack Minnite

*President Goldsmith distributed copies of the new Fall 2014 West Hills magazine and gave an overview of what is included: WHCC has a new rodeo coach Justin Hampton; Commencement; Education with Job Training (Paramount students); Renewable Energy/Internships; Pathway to Nursing; Apple iPad Initiative; Tech Bond (new and upgraded equipment); Reg365; Essential Elements; District Highlights, WHCCF Board Membership; and the President's Scholars Program. She noted that this edition also serves as an annual report.*

### 1. Call to Order

#### A. Flag Salute

Gilbert Coelho called the meeting to order and led the flag salute.

#### B. Public Comments

President Goldsmith shared that Dr. Hetu is absent due to illness and said she hopes he feels better soon. She also thanked Mr. Arias and Mr. Coelho for their time and commitment to this committee. She shared that Mr. Dhaliwal's and Mr. Pucheu's terms are ending (replacements will be sought). Further discussion occurred regarding membership.

### 2. Action Items

#### A. Consideration of approval of minutes – 5/7/13; 10/17/13; 4/24/14

Due to a lack of quorum this items will be carried forward to the next meeting.

#### B. Meeting Schedule 2014-15

Carole Goldsmith shared that the next meeting will be held on January 22, 2015 and it will be a working meeting thru dinner.

### 3. Information/Discussion/Presentations

#### A. Introductions

President Goldsmith invited those in attendance to introduce themselves further in a round robin fashion.

B. Committee Membership

This item was discussed previously.

C. Update on State Bond Funds

President Goldsmith said the water crisis has prevented the governor from adding an education bond this year. Technology bond questions were discussed (i.e. access, ongoing replacement, standards/protocols). She then welcomed everyone's support of Measure T. President Goldsmith said there is a resource model in place that helps with funds being shared equally and the Board of Trustees are committed to two viable campuses and a center in Firebaugh. She said everyone should look at the district's history, intent and policies. Jose asked if there is a guide for permissible expenditures and President Goldsmith said she will look into this further and provide further information to everyone at the next meeting. Byron Woods said there is also information available on the web.

Miguel Arias commented that program growth has students following. He said we need to continue to look at leveraging resources. Jack Minnite noted that Mendota is on the cutting edge sending a message to step it up if you want your students to follow. Jack also complimented FLDUSD Superintendent Russell Freitas on a job well done.

Carole Goldsmith shared that it was evident that our communities care; however DSA, etc. slow things down. Miguel Arias gave kudos to the WHCCD for acknowledging technology needs.

D. Completion Recap/project Updates and Expenditures

Byron Woods distributed copies of the SFID Completion Recap dated 8/31/14. Byron noted that AP's document outlines the bond funds. He then discussed the various columns and followed with a discussion on leveraging bond funds.

Discussion followed on the Mendota Health Academy. Byron shared that DSA approval was sought; however as of the day before yesterday construction is slated for mid-November. He also said joint shared use discussions will continue with other high schools. Byron also reminded everyone that bond money cannot be used to employ staff.

Lighting was discussed, with Jack Minnete noting that it was originally designed for the lacking PE class. President Goldsmith shared that the community, along with non-profits may solicit use with the city. It was also shared that the city is charging for the use of lights (pre-paid card reader) and soil issues still need to be resolved.

The river walk was discussed (grass properties) and it was noted that these are complete.

Byron said any unused funds can be pulled back in for further use.

E. Shared Use with MHS Update

This item was previously discussed.

**4. Announcements and Upcoming Events**

President Goldsmith invited everyone to the Falcon Dedication, at WHCC, on October 1, at noon.

The next meeting of the Citizens Oversight Committee for SFID No. 1 is scheduled for January 22, 2015

**5. Committee Members Comments and Requests**

Nothing further at this time.

**6. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7 pm.