

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

MINUTES OF THE CITIZENS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE FOR MEASURE Q/SFID 1

DATE: Tuesday, January 31, 2012
TIME: 6:30 p.m. (dinner at 6:00 p.m.)
LOCATION: North District Center
1511 Ninth Street
Firebaugh, CA 93622

COC Attendees: Jose Ochoa, Bill Pucheu, Marcia Sablan, Gilbert Coelho, Miguel Arias

WHCCD Staff and AP Architects: Willard Lewallen, Jill Stearns, Kevin Cobb, Richard Treece, Byron Woods, Elisa Lopez, Marcel Hetu

Guests: Elsa Lopez, Firebaugh Police Chief

1. Call to Order

A. Flag Salute

The Flag Salute was conducted by Marcia Sablan.
The meeting was called to order by Gilbert Coelho at 6:30 p.m.

B. Public Comments

None

2. Action Items

A. Election of a new chair for COC

Bill Pacheu made the motion to elect Jose Ochoa as the new chairman, Gilbert Coelho seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0 vote. Jose Ochoa was elected as the new Chairman.

B. Consideration of approval of minutes from June 21, 2011 and September 6, 2011.

Gilbert Coelho made the motion to approve the minutes from the June 21 and Sept 6 meetings, Bill Pucheu seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0 vote.

C. WHCCD District Audit (Ken Stoppenbrink) <no action required, but tied to annual report item>

Ken Stoppenbrink reported on the WHCCD Audit. He discussed all items related to budget fund balances and bond activities. Ken stated that the

audit report was unqualified, that there were no findings, and it is accessible online.

D. Consideration of 2010-11 SFID 1 Annual Report

President Lewallen discussed the Annual 2010-11 SFID 1 Annual Report. Gilbert Coelho moved to approve the 2010-11 SFID Annual Report, Marcia Sablan seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

3. Information/Discussion/Presentations

A. Web site for Measure Q/SFID 1 demonstration – www.measure-q.org

President Lewallen demonstrated some of the aspects of the new website that is now available. He noted that Byron Woods continues to develop the website that will allow anyone to access information about Measure Q/SFID 1. The President highlighted such areas as agendas and minutes of meetings, bylaws, committee members, ongoing projects, and current/future activities.

B. Trustees Facilities Report January 2012

President Lewallen reviewed the Trustees Facilities Report for January 2012. He mentioned that it is a “snapshot” of current facilities projects for Measure Q/SFID 1.

C. Measure Q/SFID 1 Projects, Cash Flow and Expenditures

Richard Treece of AP Architects presented an overview of the completion recap for SFID 1 up to January 19, 2012. Since there were some new members, he spent time explaining the various categories, allocated and spent dollars, and the existing budget lines for all items. He also discussed different fund sources related to Measure Q. Miguel Arias requested an update on the plans for a Mendota learning/outreach center. He wanted to make sure that the dollars designated for the proposed Mendota project were still allocated. President Lewallen stated that there had been challenges with any plans in Mendota due to transitional changes made in the local school district as well as with the organizational leadership of city hall. Vice President Stearns added that there had been progress made with the previous Mendota Unified School District Superintendent with the plan to establish a learning center on the high school site. However, there was a decision made to construct another school building on a previously proposed site, and later there was a change in the school district’s leadership that caused progress to cease. President Lewallen stated that he was going to make every effort to re-establish a relationship with the Mendota Unified School District and Miguel also agree to become more involved. Miguel asked if the next Citizens Oversight Committee Meeting could be conducted in Mendota, and the committee agreed with the proposal. Firebaugh Police Chief Elsa

Lopez asked about the demolition plans for the six homes the district purchased. Both Ken Stoppenbrink and Byron Woods of AP Architect stated that the bid was going to go out by mid-February and that the homes should be demolished by the end of March. Chief Lopez also asked about the dollars that were allocated for Community Field Sports. She stated that the city was under the impression that West Hills Community College District had committed to paying certain dollars for a soccer field located at Maldonado Park. President Lewallen and Vice Chancellor Stoppenbrink clarified the amount of money that was earmarked for Community Field Sports in Phase 1 and clarified that the dollars were not earmarked for any particular project or city. The dollars are available for projects within the SFID taxing district. No one from the city had come to the district with any proposal that would be necessary to begin discussions for any community field sports projects. They explained the process to the chief, and she stated that she would be meeting with her city manager to notify her of the process.

- D. Assessed valuation and projected sales of future bond series
Vice Chancellor Stoppenbrink explained that there is a plan to issue the remainder of the Measure Q funds in one issuance rather than in several more series. This is possible due to the assessed valuation of property within SFID 1.

4. Announcements and Upcoming Events

- A. President Lewallen reviewed the dates of the next meetings of the Citizens Oversight Committee for SFID 1.
- Tuesday, April 17, 2012, 6:30pm (Mendota, location tbd)
 - Tuesday, July 17, 2012, 6:30pm (NDC)
 - Tuesday, October 16, 2012, 6:30pm (NDC)

5. Committee Members Comments and Requests

- A. Jose Ochoa asked if he could meet with President Lewallen so he could gain more knowledge about Measure Q/SFID 1, particularly in light of his new role as chair of the COC. President Lewallen and Chairman Ochoa will schedule a time to meet before the next COC meeting.

6. Adjournment

- A. Miguel Arias made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Marcia Sablan seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0. The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.