



# WEST HILLS COLLEGE COALINGA

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

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

**DATE:** Tuesday, May 7, 2013  
**TIME:** 6:30 p.m. (dinner at 6:00 p.m.)  
**LOCATION:** Mendota High School/Career Tech Building  
Mendota, CA

**COC Attendees:** Joe Ochoa, Gilbert Coelho, Esmeralda Ponce, Dr. Marcia Sablan,  
and Miguel Arias

**Other Attendees:** Jack Minnite, Dr. Oscar Sablan, and Matt Flood

**WHCCD Staff and AP Architects:** Carole Goldsmith, Ken Stoppenbrink, Mali Flood,  
and Byron Woods

1. **Call to Order @6:11PM**
  - A. Flag Salute
    - a. No Flag available, no salute took place.
  - B. Public Comments
    - a. None at this time.
2. **Action Items**
  - A. Consideration of approval of minutes - February 19, 2013
    - a. Mr. Coelho made a motion to approve the minutes from February 19, 2013, Mr. Arias seconded the motion, motion carried unanimously.
3. **Information/Discussion/Presentations**
  - A. Introductions
    - a. Everyone introduced themselves so visitors and members could be recognized.
  - B. Trustee Report – Facilities 2013
    - a. Mr. Woods stated that an “Informational Items Update” on all projects in district was presented to the Board of Trustees and if a member of the oversight committee has any questions Byron can expound or provide them with the same update that was given.
      - i. No questions or comments were made at this time.
  - C. Committee Membership/Re-elections
    - a. Carole Goldsmith reported new legislation allows committee members to serve three terms
      - i. Nonattendance concerns were discussed; further discussion took place about a possible vote to change or have an alternative representative from the Golden Plains school district area.
      - ii. Mr. Arias asked about removal policies and who makes the decisions?
        1. Following discussion Dr. Goldsmith agreed to look into the bylaws further and report back on how this issue should be handled at the next meeting.

D. Potential Shared Use with MHS (Carole Goldsmith)

- a. Carole Goldsmith reported that a MOU draft was presented at Mendota Joint Unified School District Board meeting. The plan is to have a Health Academy where students can receive dual credit (College and High School); and a possible EMT program.
- b. A grant was written for funds with the idea of having a Health Academy. There is also a need to make modifications to the site as it currently doesn't provide the necessary setup for skill labs necessary to have a Health Academy. A committee was formed and they are looking into this further.
  - i. Waiting on committee to see what needs to be done.
  - ii. Other potential plan: Creating an automotive program since there currently isn't one.
    1. Looking at curriculum - making good progress.
    2. Mendota District - just waiting on equipment.
    3. Need information about scheduling - working out master schedule.
    4. Nothing on AG potential at this time - utilizing facility for an Ag purpose.

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

- a. Presented by Byron Woods - a completion recap given:
  - i. On funds, capital outlay, projects, and total spent;
  - ii. Things are moving forward quickly;
  - iii. They will abandon the 9<sup>th</sup> Street Parkway to river;
  - iv. \$160,000 has been spent in Mendota utilizing distance education.
    1. Mr. Arias asked if it was re-locatable. Byron answered yes.
    2. Per IT Mendota now has the distance ed capacities whereas a year ago it did not.
    3. Buying Lights for Maldonado Park for Soccer fields because WHC host classes there. Discussion followed on who maintains the field:
      - a. According to MOU: Mr. Stoppenbrink stated City of Firebaugh has to maintain it and a meeting with the Interim Firebaugh City Manager to occur later this month.
    4. The Environmental Research Project is anticipated in 7 to 8 years down the road.
      - i. Mr. Arias questioned why would money be set aside now for a project that is projected at a later date? Mr. Woods responded as a result of language in the bond.
    5. A suggestion was made that when WHC seeks a new bond that language be incorporated regarding adding solar.
    6. Riverwalk
      - a. Mr. Stoppenbrink commented that all the land has been acquired for this purpose.
      - b. Abatement and asbestos of two remaining buildings needs to be done first before the buildings can be demolished.
        - i. The fence is going to be moved back after demolition (not permanent so this can occur).
        - ii. Abatement started yesterday (\$53,000 and \$34,000 bids).
      - c. Hybrid Bermuda (in the leaching process).
    7. Mendota center - previously discussed (Phase II)
    8. Tranquillity - no further action at this time.
      - a. Anticipate soft opening of classes during summer with full roll out in the Fall 2013.
      - b. Funds have been allocated in two areas.
- b. Overspent funds will not be taken from the other sites.
  - i. Mendota staff did not have clear direction as to where funds could be spent.
  - ii. Carole Goldsmith said there needs to be "shared use" then funds can be used.
    1. Mr. Ochoa: wanted to make sure that the minutes reflected his request to find out where the monies are currently for Mendota as he gets many questions from staff within Mendota Unified about this issue since he serves on this committee and because they seem to think nothing's being done.
- c. Riverwalk - Study of environment
  - i. Dr. Goldsmith said part of the planning includes looking at the environment.
  - ii. Mr. Arias asked if WHC could look towards using more "shared use" classes to allow for the transportation issues that occur.

1. Discussion took place regarding Environmental research project and where focus should be with Mr. Arias commenting that the focus should be directed on the business side or other sides other than how to grow a plant.
  2. Further discussion took place about steering from a plant nursery idea to other curriculum. Dr. Goldsmith stated that WHC is trying to restructure the plans and pest control could be a starter.
  3. Other discussion took place among committee members about the direction of potential curriculum or potential focus.
    - a. Ideas Included:
      - i. Ag Mechanics – Diesel.
      - ii. Livestock – with an emphasis on small animals
    - b. Further discussion on branching out and exposing students to things that they haven't seen previously.
      - i. Challenge the students so they rise to the occasion.
      - ii. Take the students to the next level.
  - d. Tranquillity High School courses have been increased.
    - i. Dual track – students can obtain an AA and HS diploma.
    - ii. Dr. Goldsmith noted that WHC partnerships will only grow in this area.
      1. Proposed public library
        - a. Dr. Sablan questioned the partnerships status.
          - i. Where will it be located; what contributions will be made from the Fresno County; how we or are we going to receive those contributions?
        - b. Mr. Arias stated that someone needed to check to make sure that Fresno County Library was still interested in being a part of the building because he had been hearing something different.
- Mr. Ochoa Left at 7:00PM; Dr. Goldsmith took over meeting in his stead since there was no co-chair.

F. Outreach/Learning Centers Update

- a. Nothing further to expand on at this time.

G. Property Acquisition

- a. Previously discussed.

**4. Announcements and Upcoming Events**

Next meetings of the Citizens Oversight Committee for SFID 1

- October 17, 2013 – North District Center, at 6:00PM

**5. Committee Members Comments and Requests**

A. Dr. Marcia Sablan commented on the dire need for childcare and that the I5 Social Service Centers were closing down due to bankruptcy. They were looking for another entity to take over the centers as they provide much needed care and education to the area children.

- a. Mr. Stoppenbrink commented that WHC may be interested in taking over but WHC would need to be approached with a possible plan. Dr. Goldsmith stated that we have a stake in the quality of education and we want to pay attention to the outcome.
- b. Discussion took place on recommendations if WHC entertained the idea of taking over.
  - i. Committee members wanted to make sure they would be income based.
    1. Mr. Stoppenbrink stated that WHC used a sliding scale and has subsidized about \$150,000.
    2. WHC Child Development Centers were closed on Fridays to offset shortfalls.
    3. WHC owns most buildings, property and modular.

**6. Adjournment**

7:10pm

Mali Flood  
May 7, 2013\_