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**PERRIS UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT  
MEASURE T – CITIZENS’ OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE**

155 E. 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Perris, CA 92570 – Board Room  
(Measure T – Approved by District Voters on November 6, 2012)

**March 24, 2014 at 5:00 p.m.**

**SUMMARY**

Citizens’ Oversight Committee

Members Present:

Charlene Busch  
Cynthia Clark  
Eric Kroencke  
Lee Tankesley  
Lisa Spetz  
Robert McKinney

Committee Members Absent:

Dorothy Wolons

District Administrative Staff:

Dr. Fred Good, Facilities Consultant  
Candace Reines, Assistant Superintendent  
Xochitl Molina, Accounting Technician

Others in Attendance:

Not Applicable

Call to Order:

Chairman, Eric Kroencke, called the meeting to order at 5:05 pm

Roll Call:

Eric indicated that a quorum was established.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Eric led the Committee in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comments:

There were no public comments.

COC Election of Officers:

Cynthia Clark volunteered as Vice Chairperson. It was moved to elect Cynthia Clark as Vice Chairperson by Charlene Busch and seconded by Robert McKinney.

VOTE: Ayes 6, Noes 0, Absent 1

Eric asked if there were any volunteers for Secretary? Charlene volunteered to be Secretary. It was moved to elect Charlene Busch as Secretary by Robert McKinney and seconded by Lisa Spetz.

VOTE: Ayes 6, Noes 0, Absent 1

#### Adopt Meeting Minutes:

Eric asked the Committee to adopt the minutes from the October 17, 2013 Meeting. Robert McKinney motioned to accept the minutes of the October 17, 2013 meeting and seconded by Cynthia Clark.

VOTE: Ayes 6, Noes 0, Absent 1

#### Presentation on School District Facilities Projects and Financing:

Eric reminded Dr. Good that Mrs. Busch had a time constraint for the meeting. Dr. Fred Good presented handouts to the Committee of the Bond Project List, Use of Measure Z Proceeds, State Funding Historical Perspective, and Measure T Implementation-Phase 1. Candace Reines explained that this would be a “pared-down” version of the Facilities Study Session that was three hours long. Fred said because this involves such significant dollar amounts, he wanted to go through a couple of things regarding the background of the PUHSD facilities program and where we appear to be headed. He presented to the Committee the Bond Project List for the 2012 Bond that had been successfully passed. He explained that you must only complete projects with Bond funds that are included within the project list. Candace and her predecessors have done an outstanding job in utilizing previous bond funds. PUHSD took the local Bond funds from Measure Z in 2004 and leveraged those by going to other sources and received matching dollars; this is highlighted in what the District did on the Measure Z Proceeds handout. PUHSD took 46M in local money and turned it into another 126M, which for taxpayers is very impressive. The goal is to leverage the Measure T funds in a similar manner. This leads us to where we’re at today. The State’s 50/50 program really only provides more like 35% in State funding. This is important to understand, as well as understanding an historical perspective on Statewide bond measures. Up through November 2006 - almost every two years - there were statewide bond measures for school facilities with all passing except one. There has not been a Statewide bond ballot measure since 2006. To ultimately “get in line” for any State money, you must have a site that you own, you need plans for that project that have been reviewed by staff, teachers and community, designed/engineered and approved by the State. The third thing is that the District has to prove that it has matching funds.

Right now the District is really focused on a couple of projects in Perris and a new high

school in Menifee. Even though there are currently no State funds, there is talk that there may be another Statewide ballot measure in November 2014. Perris High School (PHS) is badly in need of a lot of improvements to bring it up to the standards of Paloma and Heritage; a master plan has been completed, as well as two classroom projects. An additional set of classroom facilities/site improvements is into the State for design approval. The Board has just approved a contract for initial design services for the PHS AG Facility, as well. Lisa asked about the potential for Paloma to have an AG facility. Candace said that the District views Career Technical Engineering as providing different opportunities at each school site; Paloma may be looking in the direction of Sports Medicine in partnership with the hospital in the area. Fred said that those discussions are also going on right now regarding planning for the new high school. Fred also indicated that Pinacate Middle School has had a lot of facility and site improvements while using no bond funds. The District is now into the last phase at Pinacate, which is a two-story classroom building. There is also a 4<sup>th</sup> phase at Pinacate which would remove the remaining relocatables – this only occurs if/when a new middle school is constructed in Perris. The land has been purchased for the new middle school and is located east of 215 the freeway by Patriot Park. A planning committee has been convened and the District has obtained an architect. The goal with this is to get the plans finalized and into the State for approval and possible future State funding. Lastly, the District owns a new high school site that is located on the northwesterly coner of Wickerd and Leon Roads in the southeast portion of our District. We have the same goal for this project – complete the plans/design and obtain the necessary approvals. A key for us will be to avoid the temptation of looking at voter approved bonds and using them “full-strength” in orde to complete the construction of the high school. School boards typically get a lot of pressure that “we need this school now”, but waiting and getting the matching money will make a tremendous difference in being able to complete as many projects as possible on our project list. Eric explained the long-term approval process of the State. Fred said that in moving forward there are not a lot of “pots of money” right now - Charlene concurred. There was various discussion regarding the presentation including discussion on the architects for the projects. The presentation link was sent to the COC Members, so they could review in depth.

#### Expenditure Report:

Candace indicated that Xochitl Molina prepared this report. Candace said this was set up with active projects, completed projects and future projects and actual expenditures versus budgeted. It's pretty self-explanatory and is an important tool for the Committee. Candace indicated that the projects are split into separate lines, such as PHS Electrical Project is a part of Phase 2. The Committee requested to have all of the Perris High construction projects sent to them, which Candace will provide.

#### Audit Report:

Candace asked if the Committee reviewed the Audit Report. Candace indicated that the District did not have any "findings", except one ongoing issue with Choice 2000. The Committee received the Audit Report for file.

#### Discussion Relative to Website:

Candace thought that the attorney asked us to put this on the agenda. Candace said that everything is on [www.puhsd.org](http://www.puhsd.org) under District Information and Measure T. Everything is uploaded on that site, except the October minutes which will be added after this meeting.

#### Committee Meeting Schedules:

The Committee discussed upcoming meeting dates. Quarterly meetings will be scheduled with the next meeting scheduled for June 3, 2014, at 5:00 p.m.

#### Comments:

Eric asked if there were any topics for future committee meetings. Lisa stated that her husband wondered about the liability of being on this Committee; she mentioned the Form 700 and Conflict of Interest. Lisa wondered what their recourse would be. Candace said that since none of the group is an attorney, we could invite the attorney to our next meeting if the Committee so chooses. Candace did say that the role of the COC was to make sure the Bond money was spent appropriately but agreed that Lisa's question was a good question. Eric said that if the District gave us false information, they as Committee members would not be responsible. Robert said that the Board appointed the Committee and therefore the members are protected.

#### Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 5:55 p.m.