

# West Contra Costa USD

#### Update on Bonding Capacity Waiver

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## Background

- Section 15106 of the Education Code provides that a unified school district may only issue general obligation bonds up to 2.5% of the assessed value of property within the district.
- Section 33050 of the Education Code allows the State Board of Education ("SBE") to waive any provisions of the Education Code, following a public hearing on the matter (with certain exceptions).
- Previously, the District has requested and received four waivers of its bonding capacity, as shown below:

Date	Bonds to which Waiver Applies	Adjusted Bonding Capacity Limit (%)	Evolution Listo	
November 2002	2002 Measure D	3.00% of AV	November 2007	
May 2009	2005 Measure J	3.50% of AV	May 2014	
March 2011	2010 Measure D	5.00% of AV	December 2021	
May 2013	2012 Measure E	5.00% of AV	December 2025	





### Requirements

- The SBE requires the completion of an application for review by staff prior to waiver approval.
  - The SBE meets every two months, and applications must be submitted approximately 10-12 weeks prior to the meeting date.
- The District's Board must hold a public hearing and adopt an authorizing resolution prior to submitting the waiver application.
- The District must consult with its collective bargaining units and Citizens Bond Oversight Committee prior to submitting the waiver.
- The waiver must include:
  - Rationale for granting the waiver
  - Start and end dates for the waiver to be in effect
  - Adjusted bonding capacity limit being requested
  - May be tied to a specific authorization





### Waiver Timeline

Date	Item	Comments	
May – June	Prepare waiver application		
May 21 <sup>st</sup>	Citizens Bond Oversight Committee meeting	Consultation/presentation regarding bonding capacity waiver	
May 28 <sup>th</sup>	First notice of public hearing published	First notice 14 days prior to public hearing	
May 28 <sup>th</sup>	Board of Education meeting	Consideration of resolution directing staff to proceed with bonding capacity waiver	
June 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Election date		
June 4 <sup>th</sup>	Second notice of public hearing published	Second notice 7 days prior to public hearing	
June 11 <sup>th</sup>	Board of Education meeting	<ul><li>Public hearing on waiver held</li><li>Consideration of authorizing resolution for waiver</li></ul>	
June – September	Community outreach	<ul> <li>Community members</li> <li>Cities, special districts, organizations</li> <li>Community leaders/elected officials</li> </ul>	
June 11 <sup>th</sup> – June 25 <sup>th</sup>	Waiver application deadline	10 - 12 weeks prior to SBE meeting	
July 1 <sup>st</sup>	Last day to certify election results	28 days following election date	
September 3 <sup>rd</sup> – September 4 <sup>th</sup>	SBE Board meeting	First possible opportunity for waiver to be considered	





### Proposed Measure H Bonding Capacity

 A bonding capacity waiver of 5% of assessed value for 2014 Measure H would be consistent with the waivers in place for 2010 Measure D and 2012 Measure E.

	2013-14 AV	2014-15 Projected AV (at 4% growth)	
2013-14 Total Assessed Valuation	\$22,225,132,320	\$23,114,137,613	
Bonding Capacity (5% of Total AV)	1,111,256,616	1,155,706,881	
Bonds Outstanding as of June 30, 2013 [1]	(795,430,136)	(795,430,136)	
Bonds Sold in 2013-14	(125,000,000)	(125,000,000)	
Principal Payments since June 30, 2013 [1]	20,282,206	20,282,206	
Remaining Capacity	\$211,108,686	\$255,558,951	

#### **Bonding Capacity**

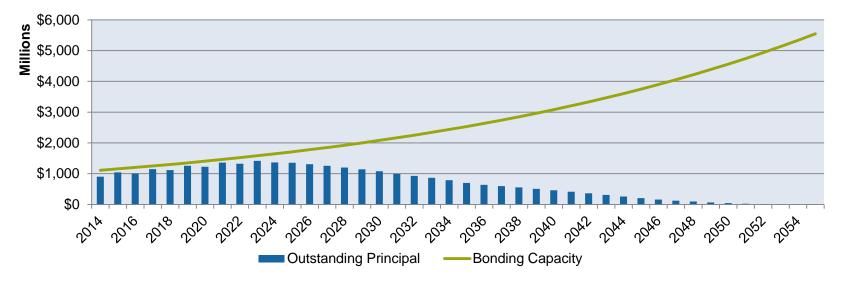
[1] Source: West Contra Costa USD, Financial Statements, June 30, 2013.





#### 2014 Waiver Details

- The chart below shows expected growth in the District's bonding capacity, assuming 4% per year annual assessed value growth, as well as expected future principal amount of bonds outstanding, assuming \$860 million of additional bonds issued (including under Measure H).
- Based on the chart, we would recommend that the District submit a waiver request to last for a period of at least 10 years.



Note: Outstanding principal amount includes \$795,430,136 outstanding principal as of 6/30/2013, \$20,282,206 in principal payments since 6/30/2013, and \$125,000,000 in principal from new money issuances.





### Tentative Issuance Schedule

 Assuming steady tax base growth, bonds will be issued along with 2010 Measure D Bonds and 2012 Measure E Bonds in alternate years.

#### Tentative Bond Issuance Schedule (Assumes Approval of June 2014, Measure H Bonds)

Issuance Date	2005 Measure J	2010 Measure D	2012 Measure E	2014 Measure H	Total
Previously Issued	\$322,409,709	\$140,000,000	\$85,000,000	\$0	\$547,409,709
2015	0	50,000,000	75,000,000	45,000,000	170,000,000
2017	0	60,000,000	65,000,000	45,000,000	170,000,000
2019	0	65,000,000	60,000,000	45,000,000	170,000,000
2021	0	65,000,000	60,000,000	45,000,000	170,000,000
2023	77,590,291	0	15,000,000	45,000,000	137,590,291
2025	0	0	0	45,000,000	45,000,000
Total	\$400,000,000	\$380,000,000	\$360,000,000	\$270,000,000	\$1,410,000,000







- Decide on amount and duration of 2014 Measure H waiver application.
- Consider requesting 2005 Measure J waiver extension concurrently with Measure H waiver application.
- Collective agreement on waiver timeline strategy.



