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# CITIZENS' BOND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE 2011 ANNUAL REPORT

West Contra Costa Unified School District  
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## What is the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee?

The West Contra Costa Unified School District Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee (CBOC) is responsible for reviewing and reporting on the expenditures of voter-approved school bonds issued under Measures M, D, J, and D-2010.

Measure M (\$150 million) was approved by voters in 2000. Measure D (\$300 million) was approved in 2002, Measure J (\$400 million) was approved in 2005, and Measure D-2010 (\$380 million) was approved in 2010.

We are an independent body of dedicated volunteers who make every effort to fully understand where the taxpayers' dollars are being spent and to ensure that the expenditures are consistent with the bond measures that were approved by the voters.

The CBOC meets on a monthly basis

## Who Serves on the CBOC?

There are 21 designated positions including the following 5 representatives that are required by State law:

- Business organization
- Senior Citizen organization • Taxpayers' Organization
- Parent or Guardian
- Parent/Guardian & PTA

In addition, the CBOC has five members designated by

each of the cities in the District; two members designated by the County Supervisors; one member designated by each of the five School Board members; and there are members

to review bond expenditures, project progress, and the results of independent financial and performance audits. The CBOC maintains a website and issues this Annual Report to keep the tax payers informed.

The CBOC encourages you to visit our website (<http://www.wccusd-bondoversight.com>) to review current CBOC activities and public information, including agendas, meeting minutes, presentation documents, and links to project information.

Visitors are always welcome to attend our monthly CBOC meetings.

There are currently 21 designated CBOC membership positions and there are often vacancies, so if you are interested in serving on the CBOC please attend a meeting and learn more about the opportunities.

representing Trade Unions, Public Employees Union Local One, the Citizen Advisory Committee on Special Education, and the Council of Industries.

In 2011 the following people served on the CBOC:

Julio Arroyo, Tim Banuelos, Frank Borg, Gerard Boulanger, Charlie Cowens, Wayne Ellis, Brant Fetter, Joe Fisher, Jason Gallia, Paul Gilbert-Snyder, Alex Gomez, Don Gosney, Anton Jungherr, Eduardo Martinez, Norma Martinez-Rubin, Marcus Mitchell, Charleen Raines, Ivette Ricco, Linda Ruiz-Lozito, Robert Studdiford, Niccore Tyler, Cecilia Valdez, and Joanne Ward.



## Waiver of Statutory Bonding Capacity Limits

State law limits the amount of bonds that the WCCUSD can sell to 2.5% of the assessed property value within the District, unless a waiver of the 2.5% limit is applied for and granted. As a result of a 20% decline in the assessed property values over a two-year period, the District's bond program became constrained by the statutory limit. Under this constraint, no additional bonds could be sold, even though the bond measures, including Measure D-2010, had been approved by the voters. In order to protect the building program and ensure that construction could continue during a

favorable bidding economy and without costly delays, in the fall of 2010 the District applied to the State Board of Education for a waiver of the 2.5% limit. The CBOC supported the District's application on the basis that the waiver would make the most efficient use of taxpayers' dollars and continue the voter-approved bond program in an efficient manner. The waiver was approved in 2011.

## CBOC Tackles Training

In 2011 the CBOC intensified its focus on training itself in order to better understand and oversee the operations of the WCCUSD Bond Program. WCCUSD staff and consultants provided the CBOC with training on each of the following:

- Facilities Planning and Construction
- Change Order Process
- Local Capacity Building Program
- Project Budgeting and Cost Accounting
- Construction Basics – Unforeseen Conditions



Classroom interior for Ford Elementary which opened to students in early 2012.

## CBOC Statement of Compliance

This Annual Report 2011 is submitted to the Board of Trustees by the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee, Measure M, D, J, and D-2010 in accordance with Education Code section 15278 (b).

The CBOC advises that, to the best of its knowledge based on available information provided by the District, the West Contra Costa Unified School District is in compliance with the requirements of Article XIII A, Section 1(b)(3) of the California Constitution, and California Education Code Section 15278-15282.

## Availability of Bond Program Audits

As required by law, the District completes an annual performance audit and an annual financial audit of its bond program.

The 2011 performance audit, completed by Total School Solutions, is available at: [http://wccusd-bondoversight.com/Performance Audit.aspx](http://wccusd-bondoversight.com/Performance%20Audit.aspx)

The 2011 financial audit, completed by Perry-Smith, LLP, is available at: [http://wccusd-bond-oversight.com/Financial Audit.aspx](http://wccusd-bond-oversight.com/Financial%20Audit.aspx)

The CBOC has reviewed and accepted these audits. The audits did not reveal any fiscal or functional malfeasance.