

# 2014 Measure E Bond

## Citizens' Oversight Committee 2018-2019 & 2019-2020 Combined Annual Report

### Letter from Citizens' Oversight Committee Chair

#### Measure E Citizens' Oversight Committee

April 20, 2022

Susan Griffith  
Chair

To: The Board of Trustees and Citizens of the Tahoe Truckee Unified School District

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The Citizens' Oversight Committee (COC) would like to present the fifth annual report for the \$62 million 2014 Measure E Bond Program. Attached is the 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 combined fiscal year annual report that covers the COC's work from July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2020. The principal duties of the Committee are to:

- Inform the public concerning the District's expenditure of bond proceeds. In fulfilling this duty, all official communications to either the Board or the public shall come from the Chair acting on behalf of the Committee. The Chair shall only release information that reflects the majority view of the Committee.
- Review expenditure reports produced by the District to ensure that (a) bond proceeds were expended only for the purposes set forth in Measure E; and (b) no bond proceeds were used for teacher or administrative salaries or other operating expenses in compliance with Attorney General Opinion 04-110, issued on November 9, 2004.
- Present an annual written report to the board, in public session.

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The first series of Measure E Bonds (Series A) in the amount of \$19.5 million were issued in March 2015. The second Series B bond issuance occurred December 2016 for \$30 million, and the final bond issuance Series C was completed November 2017 for \$12.5 million. These proceeds are to be used to fund capital improvements on school facilities located within Schools Facilities Improvement District No. 2. Shortly after the first issuance, prospective members of the COC were selected and recommended to the Board of Trustees (Board). COC members were officially appointed by the Board on April 1, 2015.

The Measure E COC held two meetings in the 2018-2019 fiscal year. The first meeting was held on October 24, 2018. Delays at the Tahoe Lake Elementary School project were discussed along with progress at the Kings Beach Elementary and financial updates. The second meeting was held on January 30, 2019. Staff provided project updates and reviewed the 2017-2018 fiscal year performance audit.



The Measure E COC held two meetings in the 2019-2020 fiscal year. The first meeting was held on September 30, 2019 to review financial project budgets and the project progress. At the second meeting held on February 6, 2020, project progress and project expenditures were presented to the COC along with reviewing the 2018-2019 fiscal year performance audit.

The Measure E COC held one meeting in the 2020-2021 fiscal year. The meeting was held on January 21, 2021 to review financial project budgets and project progress.

The Measure E COC held a final meeting on March 15, 2022 to review project expenditures and project completion along with reviewing the 2019-2020 fiscal year performance audit.

The Measure E Bond Program activity that occurred during the reporting period of this combined annual report was related to completing construction at Kings Beach Elementary, Tahoe Lake Elementary, Tahoe Lake Elementary Modular Addition, and roofing of the North Tahoe gym.

Crowe Horwath LLP completed the Measure E General Obligation Bond performance audit of Bond expenditures for the years ended June 30, 2019 and June 30, 2020. A total of \$28,866,320 in Measure E funds were expended in the 2018-2019 fiscal year. A sample of 38 expenditures totaling \$8,128,102 were tested and verified as valid bond expenditures. A total of \$9,183,797 in Measure E funds were expended in the 2019-2020 fiscal year. A sample of 25 expenditures totaling \$4,107,325 were tested and verified as valid bond expenditures. The performance audit disclosed that Measure E funds were expended only for the specific projects developed by the District's Governing Board and approved by the voters, in accordance with the requirements of Proposition 39.

The committee is pleased to report that by the findings in the performance audit, Tahoe Truckee Unified School District is in full compliance of the requirements specified by Section 1(b)(3)(C) of Article XIII A of the California Constitution.

Respectfully,

Susan Griffith

Chair

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## **About the Measure E Bond Program**

On November 14, 2014, voters in the Tahoe Truckee Unified School District passed Measure E, a \$62 million school general obligation bond. The proceeds from the bond issuances will be used for school facility improvements approved by the Board of Education on the priority project list. This list was prioritized according to the Facilities Master Plan. The ballot language for Measure E reads as follows:

To improve Tahoe area schools with local funding that the State cannot take away, repair/replace roofs, plumbing and electrical systems, provide classrooms, science labs and technology meeting modern academic safety standards and providing a well-rounded education, construct, equip, repair, acquire school facilities/equipment to prepare students for college/high-demand jobs, shall School Facilities Improvement District No. 2 of the Tahoe-Truckee Unified School District issue \$62,000,000 in bonds at legal rates with independent audits, citizen oversight, and no funds for administrative salaries?

## **Independent Audit**

Under the provisions of the California Constitution as amended by Proposition 39, the 2014 Measure E Bond Program must undergo an annual performance audit by an independent auditing firm. The certified public accounting firm Crowe Horwath LLP conducted the required financial and performance audits for the 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 fiscal years. The 2018-2019 audit report was approved by the District's Board of Trustees at their meeting held on February 5, 2020 and subsequently reviewed by the COC on February 6, 2020. The 2019-2020 audit report was approved by the District's Board of Trustees at their meeting held on March 17, 2021 and subsequently reviewed by the COC on March 15, 2022.

## **Citizens' Oversight Committee**

Under the provisions of the California Constitution as amended by Proposition 39, an independent Citizens' Oversight Committee must be established to assure that the 2014 Measure E Bond funds are be expended as approved by the voters. As stated in the Education Code 15278:

Article 2. Citizens' Oversight Committee [15278-15282] (Article 2 added by Stats. 2000, Ch. 44 Sec. 3.)

- The purpose of the citizens' oversight committee shall be to inform the public concerning the expenditure of bond revenues. The citizens' oversight committee shall actively review and report on the proper expenditure of taxpayers' money for school construction. The citizens' oversight committee shall advise the public as to whether a school district or community college district is in compliance with the requirements of paragraph (3) of subdivision (b) of Section 1 of Article XIII A of the California Constitution. The citizens' oversight committee shall convene to provide oversight for, but not be limited to, both the of the following:
- Ensuring that bond revenues are expended only for the purposes described in paragraph (3) of subdivision (b) of Section 1 of Article XIII A of the California Constitution.
- Ensuring that, as prohibited by subparagraph (A) of paragraph (3) of subdivision (b) of Section 1 of Article XIII A of California Constitution, no funds are used for any teacher or administrative salaries or other school operating expenses.

# Tahoe Lake Elementary Modular Addition



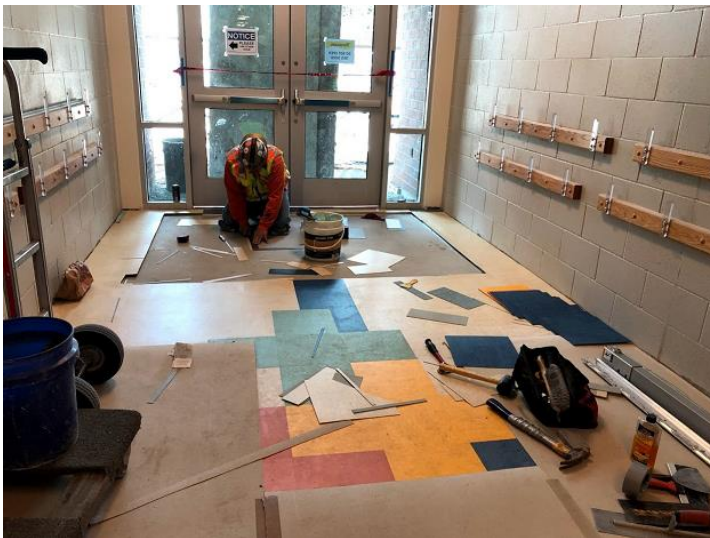
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