

SEPTEMBER 2008 – SEPTEMBER 2009

# A REPORT ON THE EXPENDITURES OF THE 2008 MEASURE Q BOND FUNDING

## Introduction to the 2008 Measure Q bond

On June 3, 2008, voters approved a \$66.3 million bond to improve student safety and the quality of education at every school by repairing, updating, constructing, furnishing, and equipping school facilities, including technology, job training, science and health facilities, roofs, electrical, plumbing, heating and air conditioning systems, and become eligible for millions in state matching funds.

In September 2008, \$34 million in bonds were issued for these projects. Because of the history of strong fiscal management of the District, the bonds were sold at a favorable rate of 4.68%. The remaining \$32.3 million will be issued in approximately 1 to 2 years when the \$34 million is nearly depleted, and the conditions are positive to sell the remaining bonds. This is in accordance with the initial financing plan for selling the bonds.

Over the duration of the bond, the majority of the bond funds will be expended in the area's local economy, aiding businesses and workers as well as the students and school staff. The voter approval of these funds not only allowed the school district to improve their sites and learning environment, but improved the overall economic health of El Dorado County by infusing millions of dollars into the construction and other associated industries. The decision by the voters to pass this bond was an investment in the future of our community.

## About the Committee

In accordance with Education Code Section 15278, the El Dorado Union High School District (EDUHSD) Board of Trustees certified the election results at its regularly scheduled meeting and appointed members of the Citizen's Oversight Committee (COC) and charged it with the responsibility to inform the public on expenditures of the bond proceeds for the construction and rehabilitation of school facilities. The Committee includes a broad spectrum of community groups.

## The Citizen's Oversight Committee

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| 1. Business Organization Representative       | Christa Campbell |
| 2. Senior Organization Representative         | Paul Zappettini  |
| 3. Parent Representative                      | Jeni Bitnoff     |
| 4. Parent Representative                      | Philip Peacock   |
| 5. Parent-Teacher Organization Representative | Suzanna George   |
| 6. Community Member At Large                  | John Gray        |
| 7. Taxpayers' Organization Representative     | Tom Mahach       |

The EDUHSD Board of Trustees adopted the Bylaws for the COC at its regularly scheduled meeting on July 29, 2008. The COC began its tasks on November 6, 2008 and has met four additional times as of the date of this report.

## Introduction to the Projects

The District has identified several projects that address the major bond categories. All of the projects have been deemed to provide a positive benefit to the students and community. All project costs are estimates pending construction completion.

## Projects Completed to Date:

### Health and Fitness Facilities: All-Weather Tracks and Synthetic Football Fields (\$10,205,000)

The most visible of the 2008 Measure Q Bond projects are the improvements to the health and fitness facilities at each of the four comprehensive high schools. This initial expenditure of Measure Q funds has provided synthetic physical education/athletic fields at EDHS, ORHS, PHS, UMHS, all-weather tracks at EDHS, PHS, and UMHS, and resurfacing the existing all weather track at ORHS.

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On October 14, 2008, the Board of Trustees approved Beals Alliance, Inc., a landscape architectural firm that specializes in the design of outdoor sports and athletic facilities for K-12, community colleges, and universities, to provide architectural and engineering services for the projects.

These improvements will allow year-round use of these athletic facilities for physical education, athletics, and community use. The PHS and UMHS projects were awarded to Roebelen Construction, Inc. of El Dorado Hills, and the ORHS and EDHS projects were awarded to Carter-Kelly, Inc. of Placerville. Construction of the EDHS and PHS track and football field replacement projects were completed by the end of August, 2009. The ORHS football field and the UMHS track and football field replacement project were completed by mid-September, 2009. Resurfacing of the ORHS track is scheduled for completion by the end of October.



**Improved Communication Systems**  
**New District-wide Voice Over Internet Protocol System**

In August of 2008 Independence and Oak Ridge High Schools installed new telephone systems as part of their modernization projects. One of the 2008 Measure Q bond projects expanded upon these new phone systems by upgrading the phone system at the other campuses and integrating them all together to provide a consistent, efficient and dependable District-wide telephone system. This enhanced communication network has provided significant safety and technology improvements across the District.

**Roof Replacements**



Replacing aging and leaking roofs is another of the 2008 Measure Q Bond projects. A roofing consultant was hired by the District with Measure Q Funding and evaluated the roof conditions at each campus. The consultant developed a multi-year schedule for replacement of aging roofs beginning in 2008/09. Roofs completed this summer included the EDHS B Building, 3 buildings at Independence High School (IHS), and the E and F wing at PHS. The work at IHS and PHS included heating and air conditioning replacement.

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**Safety: Door Locks**

The District improved safety at our schools by replacing the door locks that only locked by key from the outside. Newly installed locks can be locked from both sides providing for safe security for classrooms. The Board approved the award of the bid to Wayne's Locksmith of Placerville. Installation of the new locks at all of our campuses is complete.

**CTE Drafting Lab**

A relocatable building has been utilized as a new Drafting lab at EDHS. The lab is equipped with plotters for design and upgraded equipment for our drafting Career Technical Education (CTE) program. In addition to the upgrades to the program's equipment, a new Americans with Disability Act (ADA) compliant ramp has been installed to the exterior of the relocatable to the CTE drafting lab to provide better access.

**Projects Currently Under Construction**

**Career Technical Education: Culinary Arts  
Educational Facility  
at El Dorado High School (\$2,400,000)**



On June 26, 2007, the Board approved submission to the California Department of Education (CDE) of a Career Technical Education Facilities Program Grant Application for the proposed Culinary Arts Educational Facility at El Dorado High School. The Career Technical Education (CTE) application was submitted to CDE on August 3, 2007, and on October 2, 2007, staff was notified that the project received a score of 158 out of 170, ranking third in the region.

An Application for Career Technical Education Facilities Funding was submitted to the State on October 25, 2007 and a matching grant of \$805,780 in state funds was approved for the project. The District's matching funds will be provided by Measure Q General Obligation Bond funds.

ANOVA Architects, Inc., was appointed as architect for the Culinary Arts Educational Facility on January 29, 2008, and DSA approval was received on March 4, 2009. The Board approved an agreement with Carter-Kelly, Inc. of Placerville, for the construction of this project on April 28, 2009. Construction began in May 2009, and the project is scheduled for completion January 2010.

**Safety Upgrades**

New fire alarms, intrusion alarms, security cameras and PA systems are being installed. These upgrades are intended to increase the security and safety of the students, staff and school property. These projects will be ongoing throughout the bond's issue.

**Technology Upgrades**

Much like the safety upgrades, the technology upgrades are ongoing projects that will likely continue through the entire bond issue. To date, the technology department has made updating and upgrading the technology infrastructure its first priority. Doing so has allowed for the ability to bring the classroom environment into the 21<sup>st</sup> century with regards to technology for both teachers and students. Computers have been upgraded from outdated and less efficient models to new fast, versatile platforms. Both major network upgrades have been completed and over 700 individual computers have been installed throughout all the schools in the district. This bond expenditure category is allowing the district to bring its technological environment, for both teachers and students, up to the expectations of the populace and the education system.

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**Planning and Development Phase Projects**

**Career Technical Education: Natural Resources/Land Management Program at El Dorado High School (\$2,573,000)**

On February 27, 2007, information was presented to the Board of Trustees regarding plans for the Natural Resources/Land Management Program. The Natural Resources/Land Management Program is intended to give students the applied learning necessary to develop the technical skills and expertise they will need to be competitive in the shifting Forestry and Natural Resources sector. The program will be housed on the El Dorado East Campus in Camino, and plans include a laboratory research center, several outdoor experimental plots, a research-based greenhouse, and a technical data analysis center.

On January 29, 2008, the Board approved submission to the CDE of a Career Technical Education Facilities Program Grant Application for the proposed Natural Resources/Land Management Program at El Dorado High School. The CTE application was submitted to CDE on February 1, 2008, and on March 28 2008, staff was notified that the project received a score of 131 out of 170, ranking 13<sup>th</sup> in the region.

An application for state funding resulted in a successful matching grant of \$1,286,500 in state funds, Measure Q funds will be used for the District's match.

ANOVA Architects, Inc., was appointed as architect for the project on November 18, 2008. The Board approved an Agreement for Preliminary Services with Carter-Kelly Construction Management Services, Inc., on January 13, 2009 for preliminary consulting services to facilitate and manage construction of this project. The conceptual design was approved by the Board on January 27, 2009. The plans have been submitted to DSA for approval. Construction is projected to start spring 2010.

**Library Expansion, Science Classrooms Modernization, and Restrooms (\$3,700,000)**

Some of the Measure Q Bond projects planned for El Dorado High School include the library expansion, Building D science classrooms modernization, and constructing new athletic field restrooms.

On March 10, 2009, the Board approved ANOVA Architects, Inc. (ANOVA), as architect for various Measure Q bond projects at EDHS, including, but not limited to, those stated above. Several planning meetings have been held with the stakeholders, and conceptual design approval was granted by the Board on June 23, 2009. These projects are planned for a spring 2010 start with completion by August 2010.

Some of the Measure Q Bond projects planned for Ponderosa High School include enlarging the gymnasium, renovating and improving the performing arts facility, roof replacement, replacing the boiler system and upgrading the heating and air conditioning systems, replacing the fire alarm system and construction new athletic field restrooms.

On January 27, 2009, the Board approved California Design West Architects, Inc. (CDW), as architect for various Measure Q bond projects at PHS including, but not limited to, those stated above. Several planning meetings have been held with the stakeholders, and conceptual design approval was granted by the Board on June 9, 2009. These projects are planned for a spring 2010 start with completion by September 2010.

**Career Technical Education: Careers with Children Instruction with County Office of Education Day Care Center at Union Mine High School (\$1,900,000)**

On January 29, 2008, the Board approved submission to the CDE of a Career Technical Education Facilities Program Grant Application for the proposed Careers with Children program at UMHS. The program will include a day care center to be operated by the County Office of Education. The CTE application was submitted to CDE on February 1, 2008, and on March 28 2008, staff was notified that the project received a score of 144.5 out of 170, ranking 6<sup>th</sup> in the region.

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*An application for state funding resulted in a successful matching grant of \$950,000. Measure Q funds will be used for the District's match.*

*ANOVA Architects, Inc., was appointed as architect for the project on November 18, 2008. The Board approved an Agreement for Preliminary Services with Carter-Kelly Construction Management Services, Inc., on January 13, 2009 for preliminary consulting services to facilitate and manage construction of this project. The plans have been submitted to DSA for approval.*

**ORHS Joint Snack Bar and Field Restroom Project**

*ORHS will be getting a new fitness/sports field restroom and snack bar. Improving the facilities at ORHS would update and improve the area most needing attention on the newly redone field. The building will be a combined restroom and snack bar facility. The Oak Ridge High School Foundation sees the value in this project and will be assisting with the funding of the new snack bar portion of the project.*

**Conclusion**

***Based on the information provided thus far to the COC, it has not noted any irregularities with the expenditures of any of the bond proceeds and is satisfied that:***

- ***None of the expenditures were used to pay for teacher or administrative salaries or any other school operating expenses.***
- ***The projects completed in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009 matched the requirements for the Measure Q bond projects.***
- ***Bonds were issued in accordance with the fiscal plan to keep the tax rates as low as possible***
- ***The District has aggressively pursued additional State funds***

*The COC is also pleased that the great majority of the contracts for the school projects have been let to local contractors and businesses.*

*Some of the El Dorado County companies who worked on the projects to date are:*

*Albright Steel Service, Inc.  
ANOVA Architects  
Carnahan Electric LTD  
Carter Kelly, Inc  
Chase Electric  
Chuck Croft, Inc.  
Commercial Caulking  
Conforti Plumbing, Inc.  
Dawson's Floor Fashions  
Doug Veerkamp General Engineering, Inc  
Gold Country Tile Co.  
HBH Construction, Inc.  
HEMCOR Construction, Inc.  
Hemmington Landscape Services  
Hill Brothers Contracting, Inc.  
Horizon Roofing, Inc.  
Joe Vicini, Inc.  
Kennedy Electric, Inc.  
MacIntosh Construction  
Myers & Sons Drywall  
Phillips Steel  
Piazza Heating & Air Conditioning  
Placerville Glass  
Prime Mechanical  
Removable Media Solutions, Inc.  
Roebbelen Construction, Inc.  
Ski Air Conditioning Co.  
Starr Plastering  
Warren Consulting Engineers, Inc.  
Wayne's Locksmith Service  
Western Sign Company  
Williams Pro Painting  
Youngdahl Consulting Group, Inc*

*Pursuant to statute, a Performance Audit is being prepared by an independent auditing firm and the report is expected to be issued toward the end of 2009. A copy of that audit report will be made available on the District's website when it is completed.*

*The members of the COC wish to thank Superintendent Sherry Smith, Associate Superintendent Steve Luhrs, Director of Facilities Patty McClellan, the Director of Maintenance and Operations Dan Augino and District staff for their assistance.*