

# **BUILDING A BRIGHTER FUTURE!**

# CITIZENS' BOND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

# 2008 - 2009 ANNUAL REPORT



# Letter from Committee Chair

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To: The Board of Trustees and Citizens of the Sweetwater Union High School District

The Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee is pleased to forward its third annual report on the \$644 million general obligation Proposition O bond initiative for the 2008-2009 fiscal year covering the period of July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009.

Principal duties of the Committee are to ensure that proceeds have been expended for the purposes set forth in the Proposition O ballot language, report the progress annually to the public and provide a compliance statement. Sweetwater's Board of Trustees is responsible for monitoring potential cost overruns, priority of projects commenced and spending levels of individual projects.

The Committee this past year gave special scrutiny to the funds charged to "Programming and Planning" and "Design" as identified in the accompanying Expenditures by Category chart. These expenditures represent a significant proportion of the funds spent this last fiscal year, which is appropriate during the planning and organizational phase of the projects.

This report highlights many of the active projects that will prolong the life of the district's facilities and improve the learning experience of its students. The Committee relied on the annual performance and financial audit of expenditures performed by Nigro, Nigro & White, auditors for the bond funds, which disclosed no instances of non-compliance with the terms of Proposition 39 or Proposition O. The Committee wishes to report that, to the best of its knowledge, the Sweetwater Union High School District is in full compliance with the responsibilities as described in Article XIIIA, Section 1(b)(3) of the California State Constitution. A full disclosure of expenditures and the Committee's deliberations can be viewed at www.buildingpropo.com.

In closing, please allow me to express my appreciation to my colleagues on the Committee and staff who have worked so hard this year. It has been my distinct pleasure to serve as chair of the Committee this past year.

Very truly yours,

Rudy G. Gonzalez, Chairperson Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee

# About the District

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Founded in 1920, the Sweetwater District has grown to more than 42,000 students in grades 7 through 12 and more than 32,000 adult learners. The district's 32 campuses are located in the cities of Chula Vista, Imperial Beach, National City and San Diego, including the communities of Bonita, Eastlake, Otay Mesa, San Ysidro and South San Diego.

# **About Proposition O**

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All schools and students in the Sweetwater Union High School District will benefit from Proposition O.

Proposition O will:

- Upgrade classrooms / restrooms / science labs / technology
- Improve handicap accessibility
- Remove asbestos / lead paint
- Upgrade fire and life safety systems

Proposition O is subject to strict accountability requirements, including independent citizen oversight and annual audits, to guarantee that improvements specified in the District's facilities master plan are completed efficiently and as promised. Proposition O funds can only be spent on our neighborhood secondary and adult schools to benefit local students. Monies may not be spent on administrator salaries or district offices.

Quality school facilities help retain and attract qualified teachers. Good schools maintain local quality of life and strong values.

# **Committee Meetings**

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- Review of Project Status Reports;
- Review of Program Schedule;
- Review of Financial Reports.

# **Committee Members**

**Debbie Espe** Bona Fide Taxpayer Association Member

**Rudy Gonzalez** Senior Citizen Organization Member

**Yolanda Hernandez** At-Large Member

Jane McGill At-Large Member

**Cynthia Melcher** Parent and Active in Parent-Teacher Organization Member

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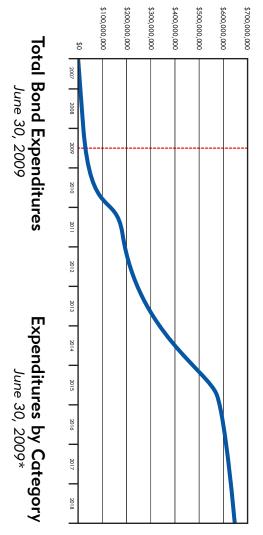
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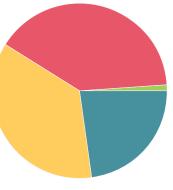
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Sweetwater Union High School District Proposition O Bond Program 1130 Fifth Avenue Chula Vista, CA 91911

# Bond Expenditures as of June 30, 2009

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* Does not include Premium on Sale of Bonds and Other Financing Sources.	<sup>-</sup> unds Remaining
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Total Bond Expenditures
Bond Funds Remaining

**Total Bond Funds** 

\$649,339,284 \$31,938,997

\$5,339,284

Revenue

**Total Bond Allocation** 

\$644,000,000

* Expenditures by Category - June 30, 2009 does not include Issuance Costs.	Equipment	Construction	Design	Planning & Programming
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# PROPOSITION O BOND BUILDING FUND OF SWEETWATER UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT Balance Sheet

Independent audit performed by Nigro, Nigro & White.	June 30, 2009
	Balance Sheet

Liabilities Accounts payable Due to other funds	LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE	Total Assets	ASSETS Cash in county treasury Accounts receivable - interest Due from other funds
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1,960,909 89,336		165,967,138	135,762,470 554,668 29,650,000

# PROPOSITION O BOND BUILDING FUND OF SWEETWATER UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2009

**Fund Balance** 

Reserved for capital projects

**Total Liabilities** 

2,050,245

Total Liabilities and Fund Balance

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Fund Balance, June 30, 2009	Fund Balance, July 1, 2008	Net Change in Fund Balance	Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES) Transfers in Transfers out	Deficiencies of Revenues Under Expenditures	Total Expenditures	<b>EXPENDITURES</b> Plant services Facility acquisition and construction	Total Revenues	<b>REVENUES</b> Earnings on investments
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# With Ground Broken, Sweetwater Union High School District is Building a Brighter Future

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# The following is list of active Proposition O projects as of June 30, 2009.

For additional information on current and future Proposition O projects, please visit www.buildingpropo.com

# Chula Vista High School

Chula Vista High School will be receiving a new multi-purpose building which will house the school's theater. This 25,729 square foot structure will accomodate the creative arts for Chula Vista students. A new 5,735 square foot library will also be built. The new library will expand the world of knowledge for students, giving them an environment to learn and excel. Additionally, the school's gymnasium will be modernized, making it 14,154 square feet. Lastly, the boys and girls locker rooms will be updated and modernized. The boys locker room will total 10,966 square feet and the girls locker room will total 8,946 square feet.



# Chula Vista Middle School

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# Hilltop High School

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## **Montgomery High School**

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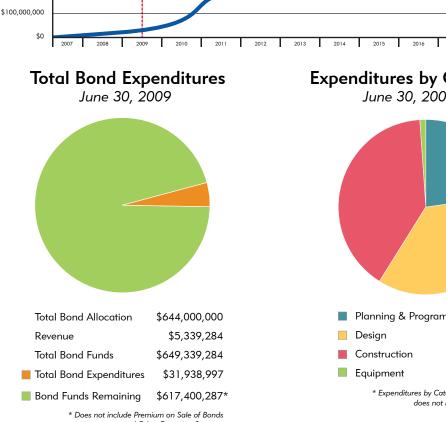


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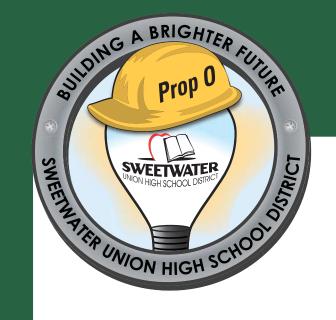
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