



2012-2013 Annual Report





Setting the foundations for Excellence in Education



The future of Visalia Unified School District will be forever changed because of the foundations laid in 2012-2013.

This was a year of analysis, planning, negotiating and team-building. In this Annual Report we highlight the largely behind-the-scenes accomplishments of the year, which will make possible the significant accomplishments of the next two years. We all know, however, that the student population in VUSD grows each year and birth rate data show a coming boom in student numbers. Continuing to make progress and meet our students' needs will depend upon the successful passage of a statewide bond in November 2014.

The residents and staff of VUSD owe a debt of gratitude to the members of the Citizens' Bond Oversight Advisory Committee and the Facilities Committee. These volunteers help guide the planning and maintenance of the buildings that are an essential component of a quality education, and offer their expertise in financial decision-making.

We also thank the voters of VUSD. None of the progress on our campuses would have been possible without your support of Measure E.

Thank you for your support of Excellence in Education.

Sincerely,

Craig Wheaton, Ed.D.





Facilities Master Plan

Consultant CM Construction Services, Inc., of Visalia began work this year on a Facilities Master Plan, a detailed look at needs on all VUSD school sites as well as a fiscal roadmap for providing the repairs, upgrades and maintenance identified.

The plan defines and prioritizes projects to be done District-wide to maximize matching grant opportunities and to use taxpayer funds as effectively as possible.

The plan is continually updated and a summary is posted on the vusedprogress.com web site.



Unveiling the centerpiece

The centerpiece of the Measure E Expenditure Plan is a new middle school, to be located in the rapidly growing northwest Visalia quadrant.

This fiscal year, VUSD staff and consultants gleaned input from families and staff regarding their priorities for the new school. The needs and desires were analyzed in light of the available \$35 million budget and architectural renderings were begun.

The designs must be approved by the California Division of State Architects before construction can begin. Site work may begin late summer 2014. The campus is planned to open for the 2016-2017 school year.





Preparing for the future at Redwood High School

Local architectural firm Teter AE began work this year on the design of Redwood High School's two-story academic building.

The new 17,300-square-foot wing, due to open in August 2015, will offer 16 academic classrooms, for use primarily by the English department. Redwood High School will also see a major remodel of eight classrooms – modernizing four science classrooms and converting four academic classrooms to science classrooms. The design of the remodel is due to be completed in the summer of 2014.

Redwood's fire alarm system – a key safety issue – will also be renovated to allow the staff to utilize new technologies and make the system code compliant.



VUSD begins work on solar savings

The Measure E Expenditure Plan included solar installations at VUSD schools in order to reduce energy costs and free up funding for classroom instruction.

Details on the solar installations at 12 campuses were finalized and initial work begun this year, with completion by spring 2014. VUSD expects to save more than \$11 million in electricity costs over the next 25 years thanks to solar panels to be installed over parking lots and playground areas. Matching state funds could double the total expected savings.



Wise financial planning pays off

VUSD will see \$3.25 million in additional funding from Measure E, thanks to the competitive process of the first bond sale and lower interest rates.

In addition, taxpayers will save nearly \$31 million in interest because the term of the second bond sale is 25 years, rather than 30 years.

The additional funding will allow the District to deliver more modernization projects at no additional cost to the homeowner.

Prior to the sale of Measure E bonds, VUSD received an A+ rating from Standard & Poor's and an Aa3 rating from Moody's. The strong rating was determined after a review of VUSD's finances as well as local and state economic conditions.



Measure E facts

- The “general obligation bond” measure approved by voters continued the property tax rate that was set to expire. The measure costs property owners no more than \$30 per \$100,000 valuation.
- The bond measure is expected to generate \$60.1 million for new construction and modernization, to be repaid over a maximum of 30 years.
- The bond revenues are being carefully invested in planning and design so that VUSD will be in line for state matching grants, if the new statewide bond measure passes in November, 2014.
- Measure E funds are used only for facilities-related expenses. No funds are used for salaries.
- The Citizens’ Bond Oversight Advisory Committee is composed of VUSD residents who volunteer their time and expertise to monitor the use of Measure E funds. All meetings are open to the public.
For meeting information, visit VUSDEProgress.org.



VISALIA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
PROPOSITION 39 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS
MEASURE E
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2013

REVENUES AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES

Bond Sale	\$ 33,859,971
Interest Income	64,408

TOTAL REVENUES AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES ... 33,924,379

EXPENDITURES

Modernization

Royal Oaks Roofing	177,349
Solar - 12 sites	244,323

New Construction

Redwood 2-Story Design	82,204
New Middle School Design.....	42,991

Design, Construction and Project Management 266,564

TOTAL EXPENDITURES..... 813,431

BEGINNING FUND BALANCE 193

ENDING FUND BALANCE..... \$ 33,111,141



Measure E Citizens' Bond Oversight Advisory Committee

A key aspect of Measure E is the creation of a Citizens' Bond Oversight Advisory Committee. The committee is composed of representatives of specific organizations or categories, as required by law. For details, or to be added to the meeting reminder email list, contact *Shellie Knight*, sknight@vusd.org.

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