

## BOND PROJECTS

### FUTURE PROJECTS

**Carl Sundahl Elementary:** Upgrades to communication and low voltage systems

**Oak Chan Elementary:** Upgrades to low voltage systems

**Russell Ranch Elementary and Vista del Lago High:** Schools opening in August 2007

### COMPLETED PROJECTS

**Blanche Sprentz Elementary:** Renovation

**Carl Sundahl & Oak Chan Elementaries:** Exterior siding repair

**Folsom Hills Elementary:** Flooring and exterior siding repair

**Natoma Station Elementary:** Multipurpose room flooring

**Theodore Judah Elementary:** Renovation

**Sandra J. Gallardo Elementary:** New school

**Folsom Middle School:** New gymnasium, dance/wrestling room, building renovation, new track and field, site improvements and re-locatable classrooms

**Sutter Middle School:** Renovation

**Folsom High School:** Theater, stadium, field house and fire alarm system

**Technology Upgrades:** Technology upgrades planned under the bond are complete at all Folsom school sites.

Cover photo: The district broke ground for Vista del Lago High School in August 2005. The school will open in August 2007.

## CITIZENS BOND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

All expenditures authorized by Measure C are reviewed by the Citizens Oversight Committee to ensure the money is spent only on school facility improvements, as defined by the bond act. The annual independent

**DID YOU KNOW?**  
A construction management company, Roebbelen Construction Management, coordinates and oversees the district's construction projects.

audit reported 100 percent compliance with the bond's legal requirements.

The Citizens Oversight Committee meets quarterly and its meetings are open to the public. Parents and community members are encouraged to attend. Its members are: Jerry Bernau, Dale Borgen, Beth Carlsen, Barry Heilman, Jim Lofgren, Nancy Mitchell, Gerard Quinn, and Laura Ruby.

For a schedule of upcoming meetings, or if you are interested in serving on the committee, contact the District Office at 355-1100, ext. 115.

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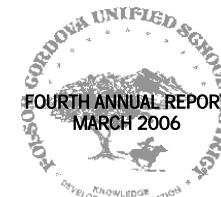
MEASURE C

FOLSOM CORDOVA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

A PROGRESS REPORT ON MODERNIZATION AND CONSTRUCTION AUTHORIZED BY THE SCHOOL FACILITIES BOND OF MARCH 2002



FROM THE FOLSOM CORDOVA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT AND THE CITIZENS BOND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE



# MEASURE C OVERVIEW

In March 2002, Folsom voters approved Measure C, a \$53 million school facilities bond that provided funds to renovate facilities, upgrade technology at Folsom's older schools, and to build three new schools.

The bond also called for a Citizens Bond Oversight Committee, which has a broad-based membership, to monitor expenditures and construction progress. The committee is pleased to report that, four years after the bond was approved, nearly every major project under this bond has been completed—all that remains are the openings of Vista del Lago High School and Russell Ranch Elementary School in Fall 2007. Additionally, by obtaining a favorable bond rating from Moody's and Standard & Poor's, the District saves the taxpayers money in their annual property tax assessments.

All of Folsom's older schools now offer



Measure C provided funds for technology upgrades at all of Folsom's older schools.

students state-of-the-art technology and modern classroom equipment. The schools have upgraded infrastructure, including, in some cases, new heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems, improved wiring for technology and roof repairs.

The District and Committee have already begun to identify projects that were not funded by Measure C for a possible future bond. Some needs include, but are not limited to, replacing portables at some school sites with permanent buildings, technology upgrades at all schools in the district, energy saving measures, security fencing, and a small gym at Folsom High School.

For more information on the bond projects, see Folsom Cordova Unified School District's website at [www.fcusd.k12.ca.us](http://www.fcusd.k12.ca.us) or call 355-1100.

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### How are new schools funded?

New schools are funded through state funding, development impact fees and local general obligation bonds. Typically, each funding source will provide 1/3 of the project costs.

### Does the school district have enough money to complete all of the bond projects? What efforts have been made to obtain additional money?

The dollar amount of Measure C was determined in 2001 based on 2001 construction costs, with an adjustment for inflation. Due to the unexpected construction market trends and the discovery of naturally occurring asbestos, the District will need an additional \$15 million to complete all bond projects. This funding will likely come from increased development impact fees and a short-term loan.

District staff has successfully worked with the Office of Public School Construction to modify the District's baseline construction eligibility to accurately reflect its current needs. This effort will net the District at least \$2.3 million in additional state funding for Vista del Lago High School. Staff has also applied for various grants for energy conservation, joint use facilities, and the use of recycled materials in construction.

### Why are construction costs so high?

Construction costs have increased by about 20% annually in recent years. The increase can be attributed to the scarcity of qualified labor, skyrocketing material costs, and a decrease in the number of contractors competing for large construction projects because they are already busy.

**DID YOU KNOW?**  
\$53 million of local funds generated \$140 million in facilities and improvements for students.

**DID YOU KNOW?**  
The District saves money by using the same plans for school designs.

### What has contributed to the increased construction costs of Vista del Lago High School?

Bids for school construction reflect the current market conditions for labor and the costs of fuel and construction materials. The option of delaying bids until conditions improve would add months to the process and delay the opening of schools. During the delay, Folsom High School would become even more overcrowded and material costs would likely continue to increase. Additionally, a delay does not guarantee that the market conditions for labor will improve. The Vista del Lago project has also been impacted by the costs for mitigating naturally occurring asbestos.

### What has been the impact of naturally-occurring asbestos at the sites of Vista del Lago High and Russell Ranch Elementary?

Naturally occurring asbestos has significantly increased the costs associated with school construction. Air sampling and monitoring has added \$2 million alone to the costs for Vista del Lago High School. Naturally occurring asbestos has also decreased the number of interested bidders due to construction regulations. The mitigation of the naturally occurring asbestos also helps to ensure the safety of students, staff and visitors to these school campuses.

**DID YOU KNOW?**  
Vista del Lago High School will keep its new students and teachers cool and provide them a well-lit environment through energy efficient design elements that will save the Folsom Cordova Unified School District (FCUSD) \$56,880 annually.



Measure C is funding the construction of Vista del Lago High School, which will open August 2007.

**DID YOU KNOW?**  
The price tags for several Sacramento-region new high schools have ranged from \$81-152 million in recent years.