



# **PROPOSITION M**

## **Independent Citizens' Oversight Committee**



**2015 - 2016  
ANNUAL REPORT**

***Dear Community Member:***

It is my pleasure to present the 2015-2016 Proposition M Annual Report. On November 7, 2006, voters in the Palomar Community College District approved a \$694 million facilities bond measure (Proposition M) under the rules established by Prop 39. Under the rules of Prop 29, a citizen's oversight committee (ICOC) was first established September 26, 2006.

The 2015-2016 year saw a significant amount of activity within the Prop M projects. This Annual Report is made available to District residents, in fulfillment of the role of the ICOC, as specified by law, and to provide a report on the investment activities accomplished this past 12 months.

The ICOC is responsible for reviewing expenditures to ensure that bond proceeds are spent only for the purposes set forth in Proposition M. The Committee reports that, to the best of its knowledge, Palomar Community College District is in full compliance with the responsibilities as described in Article XIII A of the California State Constitution. With this report, the ICOC members assure the community that Proposition M bond expenditures have been issued properly, and only for projects identified in the bond measure and that no measures or monies were used unlawfully for teacher and administration salaries or other operating expenses.

The members of the ICOC look forward to continuing our work with District staff. We thank you, the members of the District, for your continued support and confidence in Palomar College and the vision it has for the future of education.

Sincerely,

***Rod Jones, Chair***

***Independent Citizens' Oversight Committee***

## **2015-2016 Committee Members**

Terry Ardinger

*Member of the Community at Large*

Jesse Lyn Clark

*Palomar College Foundation*

Thomas Clark

*Member of the Community at Large*

Rod Jones, Chair

*Local Business Organization*

Glen Winn

*Senior Citizen Org./Escondido Senior Citizen's Counsel*

## **Governing Board**

Mark Evilsizer, *President*

Nancy Ann Hensch, *Vice President*

Nancy C. Chadwick, *Secretary*

Paul P. McNamara, *Trustee*

John J. Halcón, Ph.D., *Trustee*

Malik Spence, *Student Trustee*

## **Interim Superintendent/President**

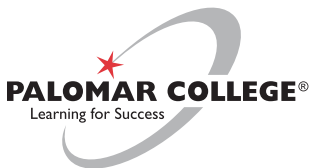
Adrian Gonzales



***Baseball Field Grand Opening (January 27, 2016)***

***From left, are Governing Board President (as of Dec. 8, 2015) Dr. John Halcón, Governing Board Trustee Mark Evilsizer, Governing Board Trustee Nancy Chadwick, and Interim Superintendent/President Adrian Gonzales.***





## **PALOMAR COLLEGE MISSION**

Our mission is to provide an engaging teaching and learning environment for students of diverse origins, experiences, needs, abilities, and goals. As a comprehensive college, we support and encourage students who are pursuing transfer-readiness, general education, basic skills, career and technical training, aesthetic and cultural enrichment, and lifelong education. We are committed to promoting the learning outcomes necessary for our students to contribute as individuals and global citizens living responsibly, effectively, and creatively in an interdependent and changing world.

## **VISION**

Learning for Success

## **ABOUT THE DISTRICT**

Palomar College has been providing quality education to its District's residents for nearly 70 years. Our San Marcos campus is supplemented by an educational center in Escondido, as well as four additional sites located throughout inland North San Diego County. Palomar College offers over 250 associate degree and certificate programs and serves more than 25,000 students each semester.







## ABOUT PROPOSITION M

On November 7, 2006, voters in the District's service area approved Proposition M, a \$694 million facilities bond measure, enabling the District to:

- Upgrade nursing and emergency medical career training labs
- Modernize outdated science, computer and job training labs/equipment
- Upgrade electrical and technology infrastructure
- Repair/replace deteriorated roofs, plumbing, lighting, heating and ventilation systems
- Improve energy efficiency
- Modernize/replace outdated classrooms and student support facilities
- Complete safety upgrades to College buildings and grounds

The Independent Citizens' Oversight Committee monitors the expenditure of funds from the Proposition M General Obligation Bond to ensure that bond revenues are expended only for the purposes described and that no bond funds are used for any faculty or administrative salaries or other operating expenses. Proposition M was authorized pursuant to paragraph (3) of subdivision (b) of Section 1 of Article XIII A of the California Constitution, and subdivision (b) of Section 18 of Article XVI of the California Constitution in accordance with the requirements of the Strict Accountability in Local School Construction Bond Act of 2000 (Prop 39).

## COMMITTEE ACTIVITY SUMMARY

The Independent Citizens' Oversight Committee was appointed by the Palomar College Governing Board on May 8, 2007, and met four times in fiscal year from 2015-2016. Proceedings of these meetings have included:

- Organization meeting to include appointment of Chair; review bylaws and roles and responsibilities of ICOC
- Development of ICOC Website --  
[www.palomar.edu/propm/icoc](http://www.palomar.edu/propm/icoc)
- Review of financial reports
- Review of construction projects



## COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The Independent Citizens' Oversight Committee meets on a quarterly basis. All meetings are open to the public.

Agendas and meeting minutes from all committee meetings are available on the ICOC website at [www.palomar.edu/propm/icoc](http://www.palomar.edu/propm/icoc). All meetings are held on the San Marcos campus unless noted differently on the ICOC website.

Meetings held or scheduled during the 2015-2016 and the 2016-2017 fiscal years include:

### ***HELD***

- September 4, 2015
- December 4, 2015
- March 4, 2016
- June 3, 2016

### ***SCHEDULED***

- September 2, 2016
- December 2, 2016
- March 3, 2017
- June 2, 2017

## SERIES A BOND ISSUANCE

In May 2007, the Palomar Community College District issued Series A bonds in the amount of \$160 million. The bonds were sold with a qualified tax opinion and investors were restricted to approved institutional buyers.

## SERIES B BOND ISSUANCE

In November 2010, the Palomar Community College District issued Series B bonds in the amount of \$175 million. The bonds consisted of \$83.5 million in federally taxable Build America Bonds and \$91.5 million in tax-exempt General Obligation Bonds.

## SERIES C BOND ISSUANCE

In April 2015, the Palomar Community College District issued Series C bonds in the amount of \$220 million in tax-exempt General Obligation Bonds.





## REVIEW OF EXPENDITURES

The firm of Vavrinek, Trine, Day & Co., Certified Public Accountants conducted the Financial and Performance Audit for proceeds and use of general obligation bonds for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, as required by Proposition 39. The results of the procedure indicated that expenditures were made for authorized bond projects. The finding of no discrepancies validates the success of internal controls established by the Palomar College Finance and Administrative Services area and implemented by staff.

To view the complete independent accountant's report, please visit: [www.palomar.edu/fiscal\\_services/LeftNav/Reports.html](http://www.palomar.edu/fiscal_services/LeftNav/Reports.html)

## PROPOSITION M PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

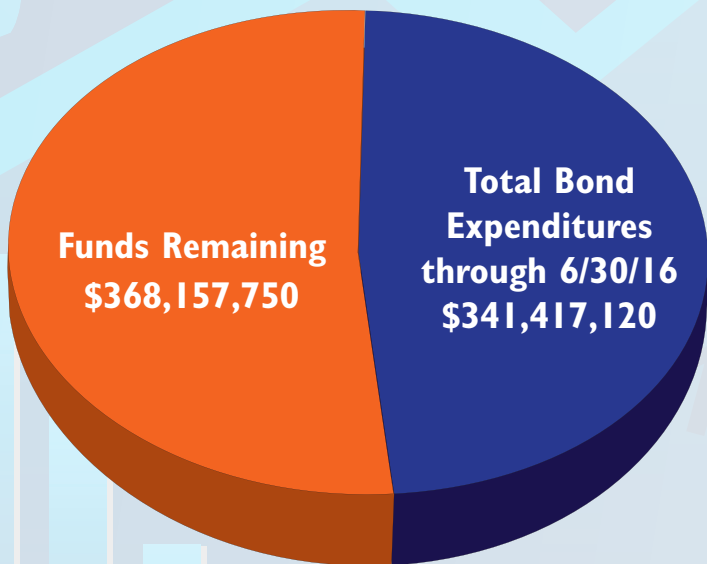
- Celebrated Grand Opening of the Baseball Field – January 27, 2016.
- Completed construction for the Early Childhood Education Lab School.
- Continued construction for the Learning Resource Center.
- Began construction for the South Education Center in Rancho Bernardo.
- Completed design for the new Maintenance & Operations facility.
- Began construction for the new Parking Structure and Campus Police Building.
- Began design for the new North Education Center in Fallbrook.
- Began design for the new Athletics Complex in San Marcos.
- Began design for the new Student Services One-Stop-Shop in San Marcos.

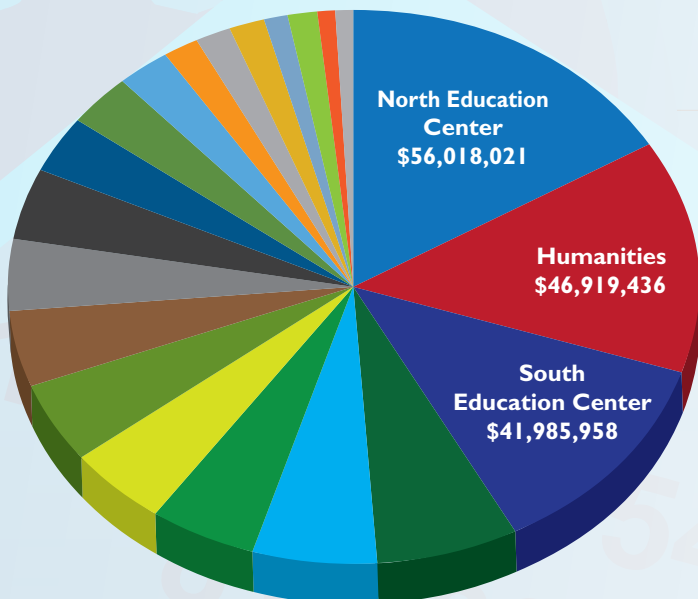
## LEVERAGING OF THIS INVESTMENT

- Included a complete photovoltaic electrical system for the Learning Resource Center.
- By utilizing sustainable design practices, the design for the Maintenance & Operations facility has the intent of a net zero building with the included complete photovoltaic electrical system.
- Included a complete photovoltaic electrical system for the Parking Structure and Campus Police Building.
- New projects have participated in the San Diego Gas & Electric “Savings By Design” program for energy efficiency and should qualify for rebates.
- Continued to implement LEED standards on all buildings through sustainable design, and recycling and sale of materials no longer usable to the District.

# **Breakdown of Bond Expenditures through June 30, 2016**

**Total Bond monies available,  
including interest through 6/30/16  
\$709,574,870**





San Marcos Campus CEQA/EIR Study \$2,129,641

**Natural Science \$3,554,2587**

**Teaching & Learning Center \$4,226,293**

**Multidisciplinary Instructional Building \$4,245,706**

**Infrastructure Improvements \$5,093,398**

**North Education Center CEQA/EIR \$5,432,583**

**Parking Improvements \$6,383,762**

**Multimedia Lab and Planetarium \$8,705,554**

**Baseball Field Complex \$10,309,726**

**Health Science \$11,156,530**

**Industrial Technology \$13,826,426**

**T Building Renovation \$14,797,479**

**Other Costs \$15,358,884**

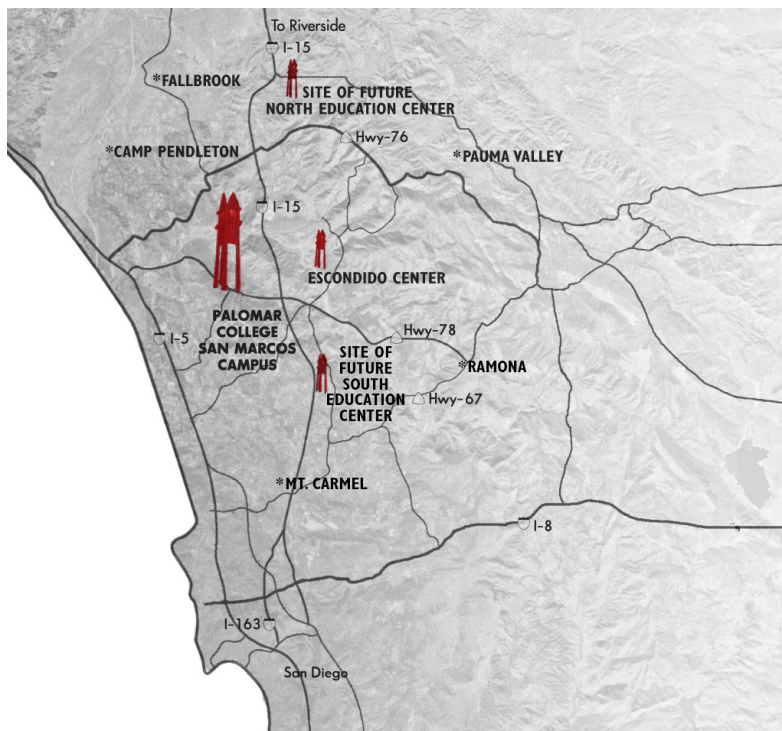
**Escondido Center Improvements \$15,751,151**

**Information Services Projects \$15,892,171**

**Early Childhood Education Lab Center \$16,938,866**

**Library and Learning Resource Center \$20,008,977**

**Theatre/Performing Arts Complex \$22,682,300**



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