

Citizens Oversight Committee
Minutes
January 30, 2023

At approximately 5:20 -Chair
greeted everyone present. Norma Macias, Director of Facilities, Maintenance, Operations, and
Transportation called roll and quorum was reached. The meeting was called to order and Mr.
Tamashiro conducted the meeting.

1. Introductions:
 - a. Roll Call

Present:

- Pablo Tamashiro
- Luis Aguilar
- Cathi Eredia
- Heidi Carrillo
- Erica Mondragon

Absent:

- Cynthia Arredondo
- Joanna Haro
- Jennifer Cobian-Alternate
- Julia Ruedas-Alternate
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- b. Flag Salute: led by Pablo Tamashiro

- c. Approval of Agenda:

A motion was made by Erica Mondragon and seconded by Pablo Tamashiro to approve the agenda for January 30, 2023.

5 Ayes 0 Nos 0 Abstained 4 Absent

- d. Approval of Minutes (September 26, 2022)

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this soon. Next month we will have a groundbreaking at South El Monte High for their Modernization project.

February or March. The groundbreaking for it will take place tomorrow at 4:30 p.m. We just had Mountain View High School's groundbreaking for the new track and field. The architects are working on the track and field at El Monte and South El Monte High School. We are hoping to start the modernization project at the Professional Development Center this summer. The District received a grant for clean mobility in schools to purchase electric buses.

Cathi Eredia, COC chair, asked if the buses are for the high schools or for lease. Ms. Macias said they are for the high schools. Mr. Elatar mentioned that we are in negotiations to receive some revenue to rent space to JFK Transportation. Ms. Eredia asked if others could use the bus charging stations. Mr. Elatar said they are only for our district buses.

The District is applying for a safe clean water grant of up to \$300,000 to complete a feasibility study to address the field flooding at South El Monte High School. The plan is to store the water underground and use it for irrigation at the site. The District received almost 1.4 million from the California Energy Commission Funding to upgrade the HVAC systems. We are in the process of spending the money we received. Arroyo High School HVAC system will be installed in the new administration building, band room, will be moved to the entrance of the school which is necessary for security and safety. Older classrooms will be upgraded as well. Rosemead High School will be updating the paint, landscaping, roofing, softball fields, and the speech and art area which is all outdated.

Heidi Carrillo, COC member asked if any of the fields have any shade. Ms. Macias said the question was brought up at the last meeting and there are no plans to include shade as it is not typical enmity. Mr. Elatar said it was very expensive and not an option. Ms. Carrillo voiced that shade for the band and drill teams would be nice as well as the drop-off and pick-up locations. Ms. Macias stated stakeholders are looking to modernize the classrooms and make things nicer for the students

Mr. Tamashiro asked if we have any stipulations on the new track at Rosemead High School and asked if the new tracks will be open to the general public. Florencio Briones, Board member, said he been asked this question multiple times. In the past, the stadium was open till 10:00 p.m. and on

