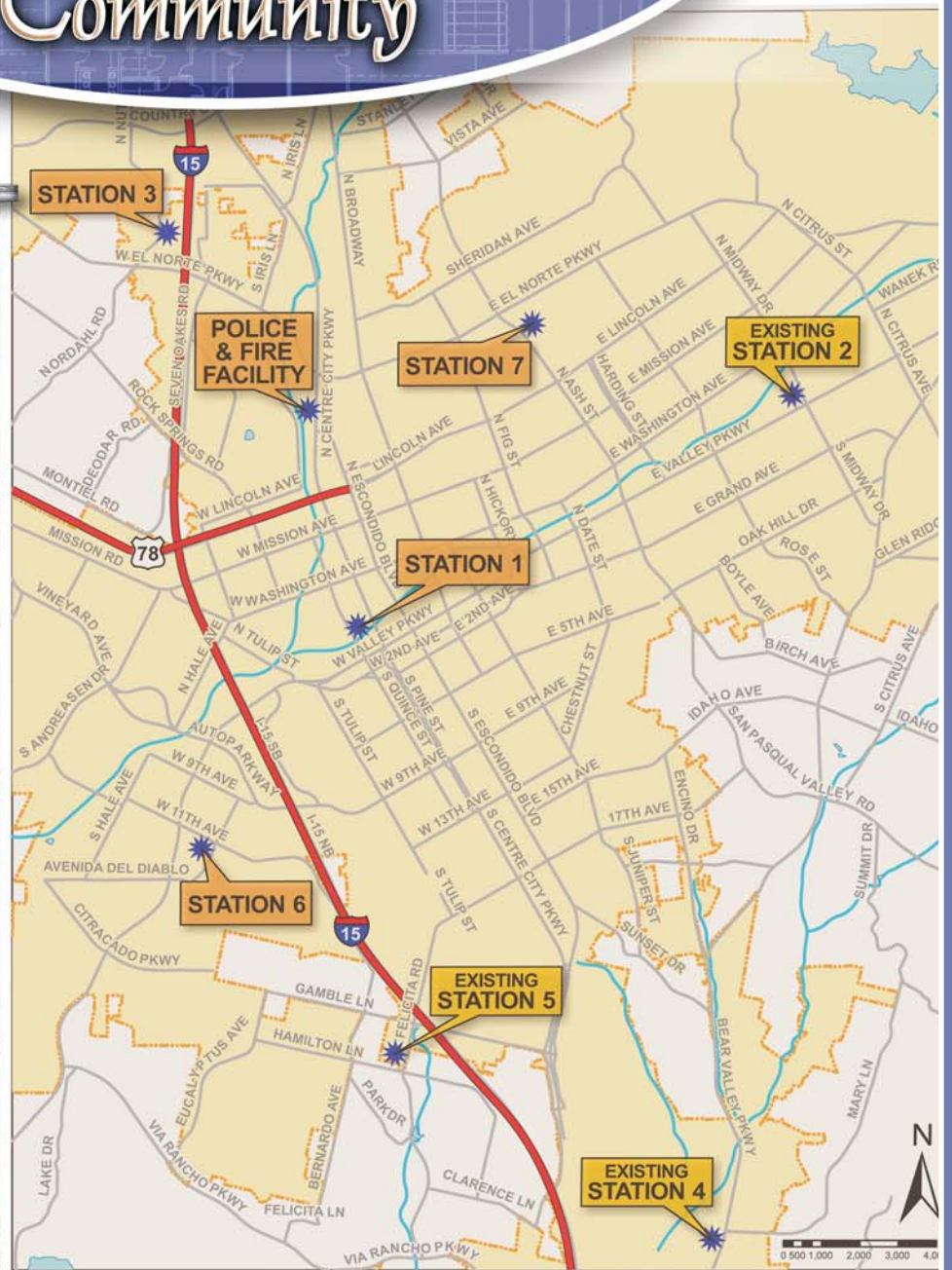


PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITIES
OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Fourth Annual Report to the Community



September 2009





Letter from the Chair

The Public Safety Facilities Oversight Committee is pleased to present this fourth annual report on Proposition P, the \$84.3 million bond measure passed by Escondido voters in 2004. This report summarizes the overall status of activities and progress for the City of Escondido's Public Safety Facilities project during September 2008 through September 2009.

Since our last report in 2008 construction of all four fire stations was completed. Fire Stations 3, 6 and 7 opened in 2008. A Grand Opening for Fire Station 1 was held on November 14, 2009. Detailed information about these projects is contained within other sections of this report. The Oversight Committee met regularly throughout the past year and is pleased to report that expenditures of bond proceeds were spent only for the uses listed in the ballot language and no bond funds were spent on City administrators salaries.

As chair of the Oversight Committee I take great pride in the accomplishments of Proposition P, the city staff, and my fellow committee members.








~ **Carl Skaja, Chair**

Oversight Committee Activities

In November 2004, Escondido voters approved Proposition P, an \$84.3 million General Obligation Bond for the construction of a much-needed new joint Police and Fire Facility, the construction of three new neighborhood fire stations and the construction of a replacement Fire Station 1.

The purpose of the Public Safety Facilities Oversight Committee is to assure voters that bond proceeds are spent only for the uses listed in the Prop P ballot language and that no funds are used for administrators' salaries.

To carry out its responsibilities, the Oversight Committee has met regularly since its inaugural meeting on February 24, 2005. The committee currently meets on a bi-monthly basis. During the past year Oversight Committee members have:

-  Conducted all business in compliance with the Brown Act
-  Reviewed project plans
-  Reviewed financial statements
-  Reviewed the financial audit performed by Mayer Hoffman McCann P.C.
-  Toured the construction sites of all of the facilities
-  Ensured that expenditures of bond proceeds are consistent with stated purposes of Proposition P and that no bond revenues were used for any administrator's salaries
-  Presented the Third Annual Report of the Citizens' Oversight Committee to the City Council on October 8, 2008

Oversight Committee Members

The committee consists of seven members, appointed by the Mayor and ratified by the City Council, to serve a term of two years without compensation. The activities of the Oversight Committee are advisory only and do not replace or impede the activities or responsibilities of elected City Council members in any manner, including the responsibility of the City Council to make all final decisions regarding the expenditure of bond funds.

The following individuals are members of the Oversight Committee:

Darol Caster

James Fraker

Randy Goodman

Larry Lynch

Richard Marino

Carl Skaja (Chairman)

Mike Stein

Former Committee Member Gene Heyer resigned in March 2009 due to his relocation to northern California.

Meeting Schedule

Meetings are held bimonthly on the second Thursday of the month in the Park View Room at City Hall. The meetings begin at 4:30 pm and are open to the public. The Park View Room is located on the second floor of City Hall located at 201 N. Broadway, Escondido.

Upcoming meeting schedule:

January 13, 2010

March 11, 2010

May 13, 2010

Financial Status

Since the sale of the \$84.3 million General Obligation Bond in August 2006, the City has earned approximately \$7.75 million in interest through June 30, 2009. This interest is held in the Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF) and will be used to help defray the shortfall between the actual cost of construction and Prop P funds. As of June 30, 2009, \$7 million of the earned interest has been appropriated to increase the project budget for the Police & Fire Headquarters.

The General Obligation Bonds are secured by the legal obligation to levy an ad valorem property tax upon taxable property within the City in an amount sufficient to pay the yearly debt service payment. This debt service payment is due in both March and September each year until the bonds mature on September 1, 2036. In order to collect the required debt service payment for this next calendar year, the property tax rate will be set at \$40.86 per \$100,000 of assessed value.

The following is a summary of bond expenditures as of June 30, 2009:

Facility	Budget	Revenue	Expenditures	Committed	Remaining Funds
Police & Fire	\$57,600,000		\$42,069,852	\$10,880,604	\$4,649,544
Fire Station 1	14,706,786	(6,785)	14,101,783	411,111	193,892
Fire Station 3	5,665,950	(7,788)	5,659,260	1,230	5,460
Fire Station 6	8,246,265	(3,575)	6,652,582	8,856	1,584,827
Fire Station 7	5,153,548	(4,400)	5,150,804	1,536	1,208
Total	\$91,372,549	(22,548)	\$73,634,281	\$11,303,337	\$6,434,931

Detailed information about Prop P expenditures may be found on the City's website at: http://www.escondido.org/safety/reports/Oversight_Analysis_Report.pdf
This information is updated following each Oversight Committee bimonthly meeting.

Project Highlights September 2008 through September 2009

POLICE & FIRE FACILITY (1163 N. Centre City Parkway)

- ✎ The building is approximately 90% complete.
- ✎ Awarded contract to Green Horizons in the amount of \$265,000 for Bid Package 2B (Landscaping)
- ✎ Awarded contract to Hazard Construction Company in the amount of \$1,209,900 for Bid Package 3B (Site Concrete and Paving)
- ✎ Awarded contract to J.P.Witherow in the amount of \$887,100 for Bid Package 7A (Roofing)
- ✎ Awarded contract to ThyssenKrupp in the amount of \$493,206 for elevators

FIRE STATIONS

Fire Station 1 (310 N. Quince)

- ✎ Awarded construction contract to Jaynes Corporation in the amount of \$12,125,000

Fire Station 3 (1808 Nutmeg Street)

- ✎ Completed construction and held Grand Opening on August 2, 2008
- ✎ Received a "Notable" Award for design from *Fire Chief Magazine*.

Fire Station 6 (1735 Del Dios Road)

- ✎ Completed construction and held Grand Opening on November 15, 2008

Fire Station 7 (1220 N. Ash Street)

- ✎ Completed construction and held Grand Opening on November 15, 2008

Prop P Projects

Police and Fire Facility

The new Police and Fire Facility will be located at 1163 North Centre City Parkway. The facility will consist of an approximately 115,371 square-foot, three-story building with ample public and employee parking. The first two floors will house the Police Department. The Fire Department Administration offices will be located on the third floor. The total Prop P funding available is \$50.6 million, which includes design, construction, parking and furnishings. The actual cost is expected to be several million dollars more.



Station 1

A Grand Opening was held on November 14, 2009. This project is located at 310 North Quince. It includes a new two-story, 28,340 square foot building, hose tower, classroom, pre-fabricated training tower, and multiple training props. The first floor is approximately 21,640 square feet. The second floor has 6,700 square feet of living quarter areas. It accommodates 1 paramedic fire engine, 1 truck company, 2 ambulances and 1 battalion chief vehicle. This amounts to 19 persons. The total Prop P budget was \$14.5 million, which includes design, construction, parking and furnishings. In 2005 an additional \$3 million was added to the budget estimate to cover the training tower and props which were not included in the original Prop P budget.

Station 3

A Grand Opening was held on August 2, 2008. This facility is a medium-sized fire station located at 1808 Nutmeg Street on a 1.3 acre parcel. The structure is approximately 8,950 square feet with about 4,448 square feet of apparatus floor and associated areas, 2,392 square feet of living quarter areas, 455 square feet of office area and 160 square feet of public area. It is designed to accommodate 1 paramedic fire engine and 1 ambulance and 1 wildland brush engine. The total Prop P budget was approximately \$6.0 million, which included land acquisition, design, construction, parking and furnishings. The project was completed on time and approximately \$350,000 under budget.

Station 6

A Grand Opening was held on November 15, 2008. This facility is a small-sized fire station located at 1735 Del Dios Road on a 1.5 acre parcel. It is approximately 7,360 square feet with approximately 3,667 square feet of apparatus floor and associated areas, 1,860 square feet of living quarter areas, 350 square feet of office space, and 183 square feet of public area. It accommodates 1 paramedic fire engine and 1 wildland brush engine. The total Prop P budget was approximately \$5.0 million, which included land acquisition, design, construction, parking and furnishings. Although the actual construction cost of the project was within budget, the land acquisition and legal fees for the eminent domain proceedings was over budget by \$1.1 million.

Station 7

A Grand Opening was held on November 15, 2008. This facility is a medium-sized fire station located at 1220 North Ash Street on a 1.0 acre parcel. It is approximately 8,950 square feet with about 4,448 square feet of apparatus floor and associated areas, 2,392 square feet of living quarter areas, 455 square feet of office area, and 160 square feet of public area. It accommodates 1 paramedic fire engine, 1 wildland brush engine and 1 ambulance. The total Prop P budget was \$6.5 million, which included land acquisition, design, construction, parking and furnishings. The station was under budget by an \$1,300,000.