

# FAQs

## What is Measure E?

In the June 2008 election, West Hills Community College District was successful in obtaining authorization from the voters within School Facilities Improvement District No. 3 to issue up to \$31,000,000 aggregate principal amount of the District's general obligation bonds, pursuant to a 55% vote. The election was conducted under Proposition 39, chaptered as the Strict Accountability in Local School Construction Bonds Act of 2000, at Section 15264 et seq. of the Education Code of the State ("Prop 39").

## What is the purpose of Measure E?

The purpose of Measure E is to improve the quality of education through the construction of new instructional spaces, renovation of existing instructional spaces, upgraded energy efficiency, upgraded access to computers and technology, and establishing the District's eligibility for State matching funds.

## What is SFID-3 ?

School Facilities Improvement Districts (SFID) are an option for School Districts in California for specific projects within a School District. They allow a district to design specific "assessment" to address the special needs of the specific communities within their boundaries. Part of the SFID process requires specialized Land Surveying & Mapping Services to create these new Districts. School Facilities Improvement

District No. 3 consists of Lemoore, Avenal, Riverdale and the surrounding communities.

## **What will Measure E cost the taxpayers?**

Measure E costs property owners less than \$25.00 per year per \$100,000 of assessed valuation of their property.

## **Why is there an Oversight Committee?**

Pursuant to Section 15278 of the Education Code, the District is now obligated to establish the Oversight Committee to satisfy the accountability requirements of Prop 39. The Committee does not have independent legal capacity from the District.

## **What is the purpose of the Oversight Committee?**

The purpose of the Committee is set forth in Prop 39, and the Bylaws are specifically made subject to the applicable provisions of Prop 39 as to the duties and rights of the Committee. The Committee shall be deemed to be subject to the Ralph M. Brown Public Meetings Act of the State of California and shall conduct its meetings in accordance with the provisions thereof. The Committee does not have independent legal capacity from the District. The Citizen's Oversight Committee does not make decisions regarding the use of SFID-3 funds, but does inform the public of bond revenue expenditures. Please see the Committee Bylaws for further information regarding the responsibilities of the Committee.