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To: COC Members
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Subject: Bond Program - Cost-Saving Measures

Section 4 of the COC bylaws outlines authorized activities that the Committee may engage in to perform their duties. One of the authorized activities is a review of efforts by the District to maximize bond proceeds by implementing various cost-saving measures. Per the Committee's request, please note the following measures that have been implemented on Measure K and Measure E projects:

- Proposition 39 energy efficiency program grants
- Utilizing planet bids program to attract more bidders
- Substitution requests for material or products when/where appropriate
- Grouping projects/work for economy of scale including close coordination with deferred maintenance program
- Facilities design standards for clarity and consistency
- Applied for and received State matching funds and career technical education grants for various projects
- Constructability reviews prior to bidding work
- Performing cost estimates in the planning phase to better align with established budgets
- Value engineering process to determine if the work can be accomplished in a different manner at a lessor cost
- Various construction delivery methods based on project complexity and scope
- Unused project contingencies based on close oversight and monitoring of construction
- Extensive review of any potential added costs during construction

Some of the items noted above are more difficult to quantify than others; however, the cumulative is estimated to have saved the District and taxpayers over 100 million dollars. Thank you for your ongoing efforts and please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions.
