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To promote school district accountability by improving the training and resources available to California's Proposition 39 School Bond Oversight Committees and educating the state legislature, local school boards and the public about the oversight and reporting powers these Citizens' Bond Oversight Committees (CBOCs) have, and to advocate on a state level, where appropriate, on issues of common concern to all CBOCs.

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Did Alum Rock District Pay \$329,000 for Non-Existent Construction?

April 9, 2017 | By Sharon Noguchi | MercuryNews.com

EXCERPT: California's education auditor is investigating allegations that the Alum Rock Union School District and its trustees paid hundreds of thousands of dollars to a construction contractor for work that was never performed.

The audit, requested by the Santa Clara County Office of Education, comes amid ongoing parent complaints that Alum Rock schools lack basic amenities, including heating, air-conditioning and functioning bathrooms, and that long-promised construction projects haven't materialized. The district attorney's fraud unit is also looking into Alum Rock, according to the county office of education. Several sources said they have been interviewed by the district attorney's investigators. The prosecutor's office, however, would neither confirm nor deny those reports.

In December, auditors from the state's [Fiscal Crisis and Management Assistance Team](#) were summoned to Alum Rock by county Office of Education Superintendent Jon Gundry, who received documents from an anonymous source highlighting questionable bills submitted by the contractor.

Since 2013, documents show, the district has paid nearly \$3.3 million to the Southern California-based Del Terra Group to manage renovation and new construction financed by two voter-approved bonds. Only a portion of those payments - \$329,000 for oversight of construction that has yet to begin at four schools - was specifically flagged as suspicious, but reports done for Alum Rock Superintendent Hilaria Bauer highlighted problems ranging from missed deadlines to allegations of double-billing. ...

FCMAT, the state auditing agency known by its initials, normally investigates school district personnel and officials, but in this case, Gundry said, it also wanted to examine Alum Rock's fiscal health, its bond program, decision-making "and whether they are getting bad deals from contractors." ...

To read the complete article please visit:

<http://www.mercurynews.com/2017/04/09/alum-rock-schools-probe-of-payments-for-construction-work-that-isnt-done/>

CaLBOC Conference Agenda April 25th Tuesday Limited Seating ■ Register Now! www.calboctraining.eventbrite.com

9:30-10:00 am -
Registration

10:00-10:15 am
Welcome & Introductions. Michael Turnipseed, CaLBOC President

10:15-11:15 am
Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee:
The Basics of Getting Started.
Lori Raineri, CaLBOC Board Member and Government Financial Strategies

11:15-11:45 am
Case Study Washington Unified School District Citizens' Oversight Committee. Angie Nichols and Kevin Sanders, Washington USD

11:45-12:15 pm:
LUNCH Catered by
Plates Catering, an outreach effort of the St. John's Shelter for Homeless Women and Children

12:15-1:00 pm **KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Carole D'Elia**,
Executive Director, Little Hoover Commission,
Improving Local Bond Oversight and Transparency,
[Little Hoover Commission Report, February 2017](#)
"Borrowed Money: Opportunities for Stronger Bond Oversight"

1:00-1:15 pm
Presentation: The Anton Jungherr Award
* Ashly McGlone. Investigative Reporter for the Voice of San Diego. CaLBOC is recognizing her outstanding reporting on school bond programs in San Diego County and for her support of Citizen Oversight.
* Dennis Clay. Project Analyst. CaLBOC is recognizing Dennis Clay for of his courage to shine the light on accounting irregularities in West Contra Costa Unified School District's bond program and for his support of citizen oversight.

1:15-2:15 pm
Case Studies in Bond Oversight. Nick Marinovich, Chair, Sweetwater Union High School District Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee (CBOC) and former Member, Grossmont Union High School District CBOC, CaLBOC Director

2:15-2:45 pm
District's Debt Issuance: Maximizing Bond Value. Michael Turnipseed, Executive Director Kern County Taxpayers Association and President, CaLBOC and Tim A. Rushing, Executive Committee, Kern County Taxpayers Association and Director, CaLBOC

2:45-3:00 pm Closing Remarks

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