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San Dieguito UHSD Cancels Building Contracts

February 2, 2017 | By Aaron Burgin | www.thecoastnews.com

EXCERPT: The San Dieguito Union High School District recently canceled four building contracts with three separate developers after being threatened with legal action by a taxpayer advocacy group.

The [California Taxpayers Action Network](#) demanded in a letter dated Jan. 12 that the school district rescind the contracts, which were lease-leaseback agreements with McCarthy Building Companies, C.W. Driver, LLC, and Erickson-Hall Construction Company, which the group said were approved without the plans for the projects being first approved by the Division of the State Architect.

The school district rescinded the agreements at the Jan. 19 board meeting and will rebid the project packages in the near future. The action will not delay the projects, district officials said. ...

Lease-leaseback arrangements are contracting mechanisms in which a district leases land to a developer selected outright for the purpose of developing a project on said land. The developer then has control over the subcontracting process.

The contract delivery method has been controversial in nature after several high-profile cases in which lawsuits argued that some districts were corrupt in their contract awarding practices and that developers were able to unduly influence the awarding of said contracts.

Gov. Jerry Brown recently adopted new laws that require the lease-leaseback agreements to be subject to competitive bidding for the prime and subcontracts, and that the district, not the contractor, handle the bids. ...

To read the complete article visit:
www.thecoastnews.com/2017/02/02/sduhsd-cancels-building-contracts/

Brown Wants to Hold Off on Selling California School Bonds

Jan. 12, 2017 | By Keeley Webster | www.bondbuyer.com

EXCERPT: California Gov. Jerry Brown wants the state to hold off on selling the \$9 billion of general obligation bonds for school construction the state's voters approved in November.

Brown, as part of the fiscal 2018 budget proposal he released this week, said the bonds should remain unsold until the Legislature establishes better auditing procedures.

Brown released his \$179.5 billion spending plan.

A 2016 Department of Finance report criticized the Office of Public Construction for not fixing problems uncovered in a review of audits on \$7.3 billion in bonds that were authorized by voters in 2006. The report was a follow-up to a June 2011 review of the Office of Public Construction's procedures.

Half of the six recommendations made by DOF in 2011 have not been implemented, according to the report. ...

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