

**CUTLER OROSI UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOND MEASURE V**

To fund the operational needs of the Cutler-Orosi Joint Unified School District sports facilities and develop a recreation department to promote youth activities including sports, arts, music, and experiences that develop youth into healthy active responsible citizens. Shall the District levy a tax of \$48.00 per parcel annually with annual cost of living adjustment, initially raising approximately \$234,048 as long as the Cutler-Orosi Joint Unified School District Board oversees the program?

Bonds—Yes

Bonds—No

FULL TEXT OF BOND MEASURE

Sport Facilities Upkeep and Youth Recreational Programs

To fund the operational needs of the Cutler-Orosi Joint Unified School District facilities open to the community and develop a recreation department within the Cutler-Orosi area to promote youth activities including sports, arts, music, and other experiences that develop young people into healthy active, responsible citizens, shall the Cutler-Orosi Joint Unified School District levy a tax of \$48.00 per parcel annually with an annual cost of living adjustment, initially raising approximately \$234,048 yearly, so long as the Cutler-Orosi School Board oversees the program and uses all proceeds to directly support the Cutler-Orosi Joint Unified sports facilities needs and the recreation department?

PARCEL TAX AUTHORIZATION

By approval of this proposition by at least two-thirds (2/3) of the registered voters voting on the proposition, the District will be authorized to levy a qualified special tax of \$48.00 with annual cost of living adjustments based upon the Consumer Price Index - California Annual Average published by the California Department of Industrial Relations per parcel for the projects listed in the project list described below, subject to all the accountability requirements specified below.

ACCOUNTABILITY REQUIREMENTS

The provisions in this section are specifically included in this proposition in order that the voters and taxpayers in the District may be assured that their money will be spent wisely. As required by the laws of the State of California, the proceeds of the qualified special tax will be deposited into a special account

established by the District and will be applied only to the specific purposes identified below. The District has covenanted to file with its governing board each year a report stating the amount of the funds collected and expended and the status of any project authorized to be funded.

PROJECT LIST

The proceeds of the parcel tax will be expended on the projects listed below. The specific projects described include all related and incidental costs.

1. Hire staff to maintain and operate the sports facilities and aquatic complexes.
2. Pay for utilities in support of the sports and aquatic complexes.
3. Purchase equipment for the operation of youth programs and sports.
4. Pay transportation costs associated with youth enrichment programs.
5. Purchase necessary equipment and supplies to manage and operate the sports, aquatic complexes, and recreational programs.

IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS BY COUNTY COUNSEL

The governing board of the Cutler-Orosi Joint Unified School District has placed this special tax measure on the ballot.

If this measure is approved, the District will levy a qualified special tax, pursuant to Government Code section 50079 and section 4 of Article XIII A of the California Constitution, in the amount of forty-eight dollars (\$48.00) per parcel, on all non-exempt parcels of real property within the District’s boundaries, beginning on July 1, 2023. This amount will be subject to annual cost-of-living adjustments. The stated purposes of the special tax are to pay operational costs of the District’s current sports facilities and future aquatic complex. Tax revenues will also assist in establishing a recreation department for youth within the District.

If this measure is approved, the District must satisfy the accountability and reporting requirements of sections 50075.1 and 50075.3 of the Government Code. The proceeds from the special tax will be placed in a separate account and may only be applied to the specific purposes set out in the full text of the ballot measure. The tax will continue until it is terminated by the voters of the District or the District governing board.

This measure makes no change to existing law. The electors entitled to vote on this measure are the registered voters within the boundaries of the District. If the measure is not approved by at least two-thirds of the voters casting votes on the measure, the measure will fail, and the qualified special tax will not be levied.

A “yes” vote on this measure means that the taxes on each non-exempt parcel in the District will go up by \$48 in 2023 in order to fund the stated purposes of the tax.

A “no” vote on this measure means that the taxes on each non-exempt parcel in the District will not be affected by this measure, and the stated purposes will not receive funding.

/S Daniel C. Cederborg
Fresno County Counsel

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE V

Great schools and great communities make a difference!

The Cutler-Orosi Joint Unified School District provides outstanding education for students in Cutler-Orosi. In the last five years four district schools have been recognized as Model Schools by the State of California and the District has received recognition for high graduation rates, high A-G completion in the County and for obtaining test scores in several grade levels above the State average.

There are many challenges in rural communities with no city government. Recreational facilities, organized youth sports, and community events would be non-existent if it wasn't for the diligent vision and work of the Cutler-Orosi School Board of Education and staff. The District currently organizes and supports community youth sports, intramural events, and provides facility accessibility to the community.

Your YES vote on Measure V would provide community accessibility to the Cutler-Orosi Sports Complex(es) and future school recreational facilities. The parcel tax would:

1. Hire staff to maintain and operate the sports facilities and aquatic complexes.
2. Pay for utilities in support of the sports and aquatic complexes.
3. Purchase equipment for the operation of youth programs and sports.

4. Pay transportation costs associated with youth enrichment programs.
5. Purchase necessary equipment and supplies to manage and operate the sports, aquatic complexes, and recreational programs.

Preparing students for college, career, community and to be able to compete in a global economy is the vision we have for all students. Your support on Measure V is a smart investment for improving the educational system and community of Cutler-Orosi. High quality schools with high quality programs and facilities provides for a strong community, attracts new families, and enhances property value. The Parcel Tax will only cost each parcel owner \$4 monthly, which is \$48 yearly. Please vote YES on Measure V in November.

/S Angela Ruiz-Alvarez

/S Theodore J. Celaya

/S Belen Lua

/S Crystal C. Mejia

/S Monica Perez

NO ARGUMENT WAS FILED AGAINST THIS MEASURE