The old iteration of the measure would have been a 0.2% sales tax for Fresno State and could have generated Fresno State around $36 million annually for 20 years. The measure needed a simple majority vote to pass, but 52.86% of Fresno County voters rejected the measure while 47.14% voted “YES.”

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If all of now, everything that is said in the draft is wrong. There are no shell schemes or specific projects that are already in place. The list that is found on the front of the measure, states that the projects that would be included are - “expanding access in nursing, developing engineering and other fields…”

They don’t have to be empty,” Jiménez-Sandoval said.

“We’re on an annual basis, for example, that this well, which is not the case, is going to be on a well inventory that is within the second or third layer of the well, not just the top layer.” Jiménez-Sandoval said.

He followed up by stating that if they wanted to remove the asbestos they would have to go through a “long arduous safety driven process,” but they don’t have the means to do that.

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That would accumulate to a minimum of $850,000 annually to the oversight committee, which for the 25 years would be around $21 million. For reference, the members of the Measure E oversight committee meet twice a month and get paid $20,000 (amount of money that would go towards the salaries of the committee members) plus $50,000 per year, $500,000/year (appointed members) plus $150,000.

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Former Mayor of Fresno and Current state assembly member Jim Patterson
Fresno County Supervisor Sal Stello
Fresno City Councilmember Tyler Maxwell

Who supports the measure?

Fresno County Supervisor Brown
Fresno County Supervisor Mathien
Fresno City Councilmember Gary Bradley

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WHAT'S MEASURED?

The maximum level allowed (MCL) is 50 mg/L. He assessed the list of contaminants with The College and confirmed that the water is safe to drink. The minimum level allowed (MCL) is the scale that is used to determine the quality of the contaminant in water. If it goes above, that would be cause for concern.

For nitrate as nitrogen the MCL is 10 and the value is 2.8, as it stays below the 10”, Schmidt said.

Lauren Richardson, an associate vice president of University Communications, said that the water reference in the commercials was more about continuing to ensure that Fresno State has safe drinking water and adequate domestic wells.

77% of the buildings at Fresno State are more than 30 years old while 62% are more than 60 years old. Jiménez-Sandoval said that buildings on campus do have asbestos but they’re contained, and can be activated through shaking or damaged by construction. "So when you look at the list, the list is a draft,” said Fresno State President Jiménez-Sandoval during an interview with The Collegian. "The Measure E committee asked us on Fresno State, if you had $1.5 billion, what would be the most pressing needs that you would address with this money?”

Another part of that list states, “providing safe drinking water; removing asbestos, lead paint and mold…”

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