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**Measure A (2002) and Measure A+ (2006) Facilities Bond Programs
Citizens' Oversight Committee**

ANNUAL REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY

MEASURES A / A+ (2002/2006) PROJECTS CONSISTENT WITH ORIGINAL BOND INTENT

Dear Citizens:

In 2002 and 2006, Contra Costa County voters passed facility bond measures under the provisions of Proposition 39, enabling the authorization of bonds by a 55 percent vote of the electorate. Proposition 39 added Education Code language to establish a Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee to monitor and audit proceeds to ensure funds are spent consistent with the bond language on the original ballots. The representative committee is composed of not more than 15 members who serve two-year terms and conduct open meetings at least semiannually.

The Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee verifies that all bond funds have been spent consistent with the language of Bond Measure A in 2002 and Bond Measure A+ in 2006. The 2002 bond funds have been spent, as required, and all projects are virtually completed. Measure A+ 2006 projects are progressing consistent with the original bond intent.

Independent audits of the bond programs have been performed each year. The 2006/07 Independent Auditors Report (financial audit) provided an unqualified opinion: "the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Measure A Bond Fund of the District as of June 30, 2007, and the changes in its financial position for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America." Reviews of bond expenditures have confirmed that no bond funds have been spent for teacher and administrative salaries or other school-operating expenses, as specified by law. The Chancellor and staff have been scrupulous in adhering to the spirit and letter of the bond intent and have demonstrated excellent accountability and stewardship of voter-approved bond funds.

Thank you for your support and confidence in the Contra Costa Community College District as it continues to provide excellent higher education programs in our communities.

Sincerely,
J. Dale Hudson



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Proposition 39 Mandate

Measures A / A+ Bond Programs Background

With the passage of California's Proposition 39 in November 2000, any school district, community college district, or county office of education may propose (to the local electorate) that it incur "indebtedness in the form of general obligation bonds for the construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, or replacement of school facilities, including the furnishing and equipping of school facilities, or the acquisition or lease of real property for school facilities" with the approval of 55 percent of local voters "for the purposes specified."

This Annual Report to the Community offers information regarding the expenditure of bond funds during 2008 by the Contra Costa Community College District to refurbish aging facilities, build new buildings to accommodate student growth, and purchase needed equipment for classrooms.

Measure A is a \$120 million bond measure, passed on March 5, 2002, and Measure A+ is a \$286.5 million bond measure, passed on June 6, 2006.



MAKING GOOD ON OUR PROMISE TO YOU

CHANCELLOR'S MESSAGE



The Contra Costa Community College District (District) is working hard to make a difference in the lives of our students and in the community. Our District consists of Contra Costa College, Diablo Valley College, Los Medanos College, San Ramon Campus, and the Walnut Creek and Brentwood Centers. We offer an array of courses, programs, and services that enable students across the breadth of our community to select their own pathway to a successful life.

This Annual Report to the Community captures the exciting progress the District achieved during 2008 in completing facilities investments approved by voters in 2002 and 2006 as part of Measures A and A+. If you have not visited our colleges recently, take the time to do so. You will be amazed and excited to see how the bond projects are transforming the learning environment in wonderful ways, and will serve our community well for many years to come.

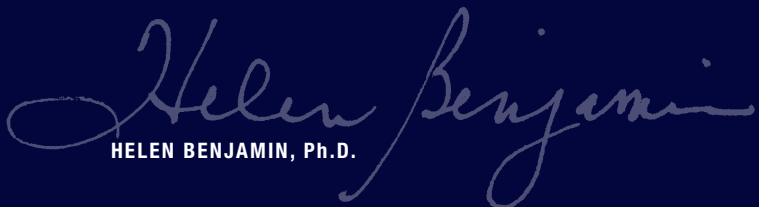
As you review these pages, take a moment to read about our impressive new energy-efficient buildings and installations, which are part and parcel of our work to institute sustainable business practices as a long-term strategy. In addition to high-efficiency lighting and energy management systems, the installation of solar voltaic cells at all three colleges is saving the District hundreds of thousands of dollars in energy costs annually.

We place great emphasis on our fiscal prudence and responsibility in using the bond funds, making sure we provide value to taxpayers and the community. This effort includes leveraging and obtaining over \$88 million in matching funds from the state, and receiving over \$8.2 million in PG&E rebates.

I wish to express my gratitude to our Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee members for their continued valuable stewardship of this important effort. Please review their report, and feel confident that their involvement ensures your investments are being spent within the full spirit of the law and the measures you passed.

This year, the District has reached the mature age of 60, with so much great history behind us and many more outstanding achievements ahead. We have created a 60th anniversary website at www.4cd.edu that begins to capture our rich legacy. We hope you will share your personal thoughts on how your community college has made a contribution to your life and your community by leaving a scrapbook memory. (Read more about this special anniversary celebration later in this report.)

On behalf of the District's Governing Board, our students, and employees, thank you for your continued support and partnership. Together, we can continue to transform the lives of students by providing workforce training, transfer, and life-long learning opportunities.


HELEN BENJAMIN, Ph.D.

BOND MEASURE PROJECTS LIST

MEASURE A 2002

CONTRA COSTA COLLEGE

Vocational Technology Building remodel, **Student Services Center**, **Library remodel**, Music Building remodel, and Applied Arts Building project

DIABLO VALLEY COLLEGE

Book Center, *Physical Science Building remodel*, *Life Science remodel/Advanced Technology Center*, *Business Education Building remodel*, *San Ramon Campus*, *Technical Education Building seismic mitigation*, and **Planetarium remodel**

LOS MEDANOS COLLEGE

Planetarium remodel, *Library*, *Math Building*, **Science Building**, Core Buildings and Art Area remodel

MEASURE A+ 2006

CONTRA COSTA COLLEGE

Student Activities Building, Classroom Building (in place of Humanities and Liberal Arts renovation projects), **Athletic Facilities (field/track/gym)** renovation, Science Building (in place of Health Sciences - Physical Sciences - Biology Building projects)

DIABLO VALLEY COLLEGE

Engineering and Technology Building remodel, Student Services Center, Culinary Arts and Food Services Facilities, and **Athletic Facilities (field/track)**

LOS MEDANOS COLLEGE

Nursing and Medical Training classrooms and labs, Student Services area, and **Athletic Facilities (field/track)**

REGIONAL EDUCATION CENTERS

Brentwood Center acquisition/expansion and Walnut Creek Center acquisition/expansion, San Ramon Center Library and Phase II construction

DISTRICTWIDE INITIATIVES

Information Technology infrastructure and **solar and energy-efficiency initiatives**

Projects completed in 2008 are indicated by **boldface**; projects completed in 2006 or 2007 are indicated by *italics*; other projects are either under construction or in a design, planning, or review mode.

BOND FUNDS WERE SPENT ON REPAIR, RENOVATION, MODERNIZATION, AND NEW CONSTRUCTION

According to the ballot text, the Measure A Improvement Bond of 2002, a \$120 million facilities and equipment bond measure, approved funds for repair and renovation projects, modernization and construction projects, and furnishings and equipment at the community colleges within the District.

The Measure A+ Improvement Bond of 2006, approved in the amount of \$286.5 million, pays for replacing and improving old sewer, water, and gas lines at all colleges; upgrading facilities to make them compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act; renovating health and fitness centers as needed; enhancing technology capabilities; and adding solar power and other renewable energy systems where appropriate. The measure also funds specific projects at various colleges, including construction of a new library and the continued phased construction at the San Ramon Campus.



Contra Costa College Student Services Center

The new 18,000-square-foot Student Services building provides students with one-stop access to important resources, such as counseling, financial aid, and career guidance. Serving as part of the gateway and focal point to the college, the center brings a fresh, new aesthetic to the midcentury architecture of the campus.



Diablo Valley College Planetarium

The renovated Planetarium on Diablo Valley College's main campus opened in the spring of 2008, and offers more space, a larger projector, a wheelchair-accessible entrance and floor, and an emergency exit. The massive viewing area is two feet larger than the old one.

HIGHLIGHTS OF MEASURE A AND MEASURE A+ BOND PROJECTS COMPLETED IN 2008



Los Medanos College Science Building

The new 51,000-square-foot Science Building officially opened in May 2008, and began hosting classes in the summer. Features include a wide variety of science labs, a large and a small lecture hall, a biology learning center, and a tech/media center.



Renovated Field and Track Facilities at Colleges

Physical education classes and intramural and college sports teams are benefiting from renovated field and track facilities. Improvements at all three colleges include new and safer synthetic turf, striping, and goalposts on the football field, and a new track surface and striping.



Districtwide Energy-Saving Installations

Significant energy-efficiency investments were completed throughout the District, including the installation of over 22,000 energy-efficient light fixtures and ballasts, and solar-power generation systems at all three colleges. These systems are projected to produce almost half of the District's peak-summer electricity demand.

WHAT A QUALITY LEARNING ENVIRONMENT MEANS TO STUDENTS AND FACULTY

Contra Costa College

“I work at the EOPS (Extended Opportunity Programs & Services) counter, where we provide financial assistance and counseling services to students, so I get to see everything that goes on in the Student Services Building. I love the new space and the openness! The old building felt very closed in. Every office had a door and there were so many hallways. With the larger space and openness of the new building, you can see everything, and we can seat more people. The layout is more convenient for new students—there’s less hassle, and it’s easier for them to make eye contact with someone and find out where they need to go.”

SIKIA BLUE

Sophomore and EOPS employee



Los Medanos College

“I love the new Science Building and all it provides. In the old building, we shared a single lab space with Physics. Now we have two laboratories dedicated to teaching chemistry, and both contain new equipment and modern technology. Our classrooms are spacious and equipped with instructional technology that facilitates learning. The new building has allowed us to offer more course sections to meet student demand, and the new environment provides greater opportunities for learning. And just from an aesthetic point of view, the new Quad, with its three modern buildings, gives LMC a brand-new look, a look that invites people to campus, to come and experience what we have to offer.”

DENNIS J. GRAVERT, Ph.D.

Professor of Organic Chemistry



Diablo Valley College

“The new DVC track and field is a whole lot better for playing football, compared to the previous field. The old field was more like cement with a carpet over it. This new field has an all-weather surface, so it doesn’t puddle up when it rains; everything drains off, just like it’s supposed to. While the new field was being renovated, we had to get on a bus so we could use the field at Los Lomas High. We were glad to get back here this year, and it’s great not having to take the bus to practice.”

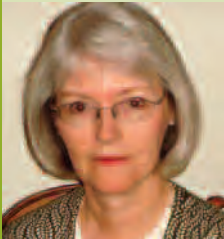
ANGEL CASILLAS

Sophomore and Vikings Football starting center



MEASURES A / A+ FINANCIALS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008

MEASURE A 2002 BOND FINANCES		MEASURE A+ 2006 BOND FINANCES	
Bond Funding	120,000,000	Bond Funding	286,500,000
Expenses		Expenses	
Prior Years	93,861,699	Prior Years	14,415,211
Current Year	13,603,554	Current Year	21,591,996
<i>Remaining</i>	<i>12,534,747</i>	<i>Remaining</i>	<i>250,492,793</i>
State-Funded Projects	88,854,327	State-Funded Projects (current projection)	60,000,000
Interest and Rebates	8,964,899	Interest and Rebates (current projection)	18,424,000
TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY	217,819,226	TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY	364,924,000



“As a member of the community, I appreciate the District’s dedication to getting the most benefit possible from the bond-expenditure program. I am especially pleased to see that the District has managed to obtain \$88 million in matching state funds, and \$8.2 million in rebates from PG&E for energy-system upgrades. This increases available construction funds by about 30 percent, without an additional burden on taxpayers.”

MAUNA WAGNER
Co-Founder, Pleasant Hill Taxpayers Association



Above: Los Medanos College Library (in foreground), new Science Building (at left), and Math Building (in background).



Contra Costa College

DVC
DIABLO VALLEY COLLEGE



YEAR EST.	1949
PRESIDENT	McKinley Williams
ENROLLMENT	13,308 students annually
LOCATION	2600 Mission Bell Drive, San Pablo, CA
TELEPHONE	510.235.7800
WEBSITE	www.contracosta.edu



McKinley Williams
PRESIDENT

Since 1949, Contra Costa College (CCC) has provided educational excellence to thousands of students in San Pablo and its surrounding communities. Equipped with smart classrooms and technology ensuring student success, CCC offers a variety of exemplary programs, services, and transfer options. Our educational programs have earned outstanding reputations, both nationally and regionally, and our newspaper, *The Advocate*, has won numerous awards. Other award-winning and exemplary programs, such as our Center for Science Excellence, Journalism, Culinary Arts, Early Learning Center, Nursing, and Automotive Services, allow students a wide variety of career options.

Above: CCC Library interior

Contra Costa College, a premier community college, is a model of excellence in successfully providing transformative education in an urban environment. CCC opens doors to educational opportunities that strengthen the lives, families, and neighborhoods of the diverse population of West Contra Costa County. Since 1949, CCC has offered a safe environment for students to learn, explore, and make informed decisions about their future. Visit www.contracosta.edu.

YEAR EST.	1949
PRESIDENT	Judy E. Walters, Ph.D.
ENROLLMENT	34,000 students annually
LOCATION	321 Golf Club Road, Pleasant Hill, CA
TELEPHONE	925.685.1230
WEBSITE	www.dvc.edu

For 60 years, Diablo Valley College (DVC) has provided students with extensive course choices, excellent transfer opportunities, and exceptional career-training programs and degrees. Located in Pleasant Hill and shadowed by beautiful Mt. Diablo, DVC is a short drive from San Francisco and UC Berkeley—where many of our students choose to transfer. With a wide variety of career training programs, including Geographic Information Systems; Dental Hygiene, Assisting, and Technology; Culinary Arts; Digital Media/Arts; and weekend career development courses, DVC offers cutting-edge courses designed for future emerging technologies and workforce.

Above: DVC Book Center

YOUR COMMUNITY COLLEGE IS MAKING A DIFFERENCE!



Judy E. Walters, Ph.D.
PRESIDENT

Diablo Valley College is the region's premier transfer institution, advancing the intellectual and professional development of Central Contra Costa County through compelling transfer and workforce programs and an unparalleled commitment to learning. DVC serves more than 34,000 students annually on its main campus in Pleasant Hill, a campus in San Ramon, and an outreach center at Walnut Creek. Visit www.dvc.edu.

YEAR EST. 1974
PRESIDENT Peter García
ENROLLMENT 14,641 students annually
LOCATION 2700 East Leland Road, Pittsburg, CA
TELEPHONE 925.439.2181
WEBSITE www.losmedanos.edu



Peter García
PRESIDENT

Located in Pittsburg in East Contra Costa County, Los Medanos College (LMC) offers a beautiful campus with innovative career technical programs and an engaging transfer curriculum. The college has the only honors program certified as part of the UCLA Transfer Alliance. LMC also offers an enhanced first-year experience with small learning communities where students can find the support they need and other students with common goals to help foster success. With programs like Engineering, Nursing, Appliance Service Technology, Business, Child Development, Electrical and Instrumentation Technology, Emergency Medical Services, Environmental Science, Process Technology, and much more, LMC ensures students receive the resources needed to excel in today's workforce.

Above: LMC Quad area and Science Building

Los Medanos College is one of three colleges in the Contra Costa Community College District. LMC prepares students to excel and succeed economically, socially, and intellectually in an innovative, engaging, and supportive learning environment. It provides quality programs and state-of-the-art facilities to serve the needs of a rapidly growing and changing East County while enhancing the quality of life of the diverse communities it serves. LMC is located on 120 acres between Pittsburg and Antioch, with an additional education center in Brentwood. Visit www.losmedanos.edu.



60 YEARS OF SERVING CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

The Contra Costa Community College District was founded in 1948 by a public vote, and it first opened its doors to students in 1949. It is the eighth largest multi-college community college district in California. The District serves a population of about one million people, and its boundaries encompass all but 48 of the 734-square-mile land area of Contra Costa County. The District's headquarters is located in historic downtown Martinez.



We're Celebrating Turning 60!

Join the Contra Costa Community College District and your community college in celebrating 60 years of excellence in education.

The District has launched a special website at www.4cd.edu, which we invite you to explore. You will find information about our rich history, including facts about former Governing Board members, chancellors, student trustees, colleges, and noted educators honored through the historic Teacher of the Year program.

Please join us on the Historical Photos page, and share your memories! Whether you are a community member, student, alum, or former or current employee, you are a part of our heritage. Take a look at our scrapbooks that visually capture our history. If you have old photos, let us know, and we'll work with you to make them available on the website.

The District, through its colleges, has helped many students achieve their higher-education goals. If you are an alumnus, we encourage you to fill out the registration form on the website's Alumni Connection page. Tell us what you are doing now, and click on your college link to reconnect with your campus and classmates.

Thank you for helping us celebrate our 60th anniversary of providing educational opportunities for our students and our communities.



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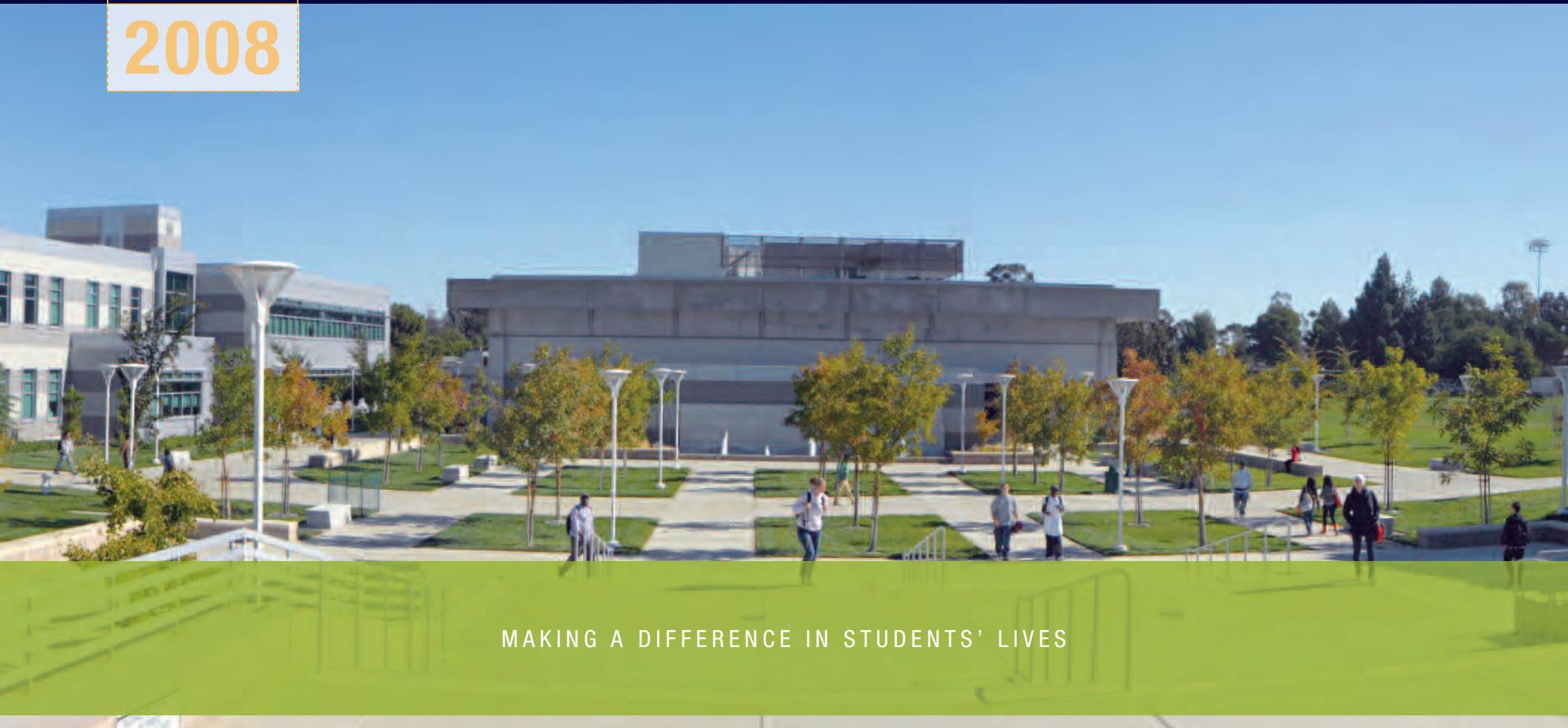
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MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN STUDENTS' LIVES

Cover photo: New Contra Costa College Student Services Center. Above: Los Medanos College Quad area.

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