

# CONTRA COSTA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

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MEASURE A (2002) AND MEASURE A (2006) FACILITIES BOND PROGRAMS  
CITIZENS' BOND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

# MEASURE A (2002) AND MEASURE A (2006) PROJECTS FUNDED CONSISTENT WITH ORIGINAL BOND INTENT

## MESSAGE FROM THE CITIZENS' BOND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

### J. DALE HUDSON

*Chair, Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee*

The 2009 Annual Report to the Community shows the progress the Contra Costa Community College District (District) has made during the past year in completing facilities investments approved by the voters as part of Measure A (2002) and Measure A (2006). In approving these bond measures, Contra Costa County voters also established the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee to monitor the expenditure of funds to ensure that all money was spent consistent with the bond language on the original ballot measures. This committee is composed of citizens who serve voluntarily for two-year terms and meet quarterly in open meetings to verify that:

- all bond funds have been spent consistent with the language of the Measure A (2002) and Measure A (2006) bond measures approved by the voters;
- an independent audit has been performed; and
- no bond money has been spent for any purpose other than facility improvements and upgrades, new buildings to accommodate student growth, and the purchase of needed equipment for classrooms.

In fulfilling its duties, the committee can report that bond funds have been spent only for renovation, modernization, and new construction projects, according to the requirements of the 2002 and 2006 bond measures. At the end of 2009, most Measure A (2002) bond fund projects have been completed and several new projects have been started using funds generated by interest-earning accounts. Some Measure A (2006) projects are progressing through the design and bidding phase, and construction has started on a number of others.

Independent audits of the bond program are performed every year. The 2007–08 Independent Auditors Report, a 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, 2008, and the changes in its financial position for the year that ended are in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.”

The independent auditors also reviewed a sampling of the 2007–08 expenditures and verified that the use of the funds was within the scope of the intended use as approved by the voters of the District. A review of the policies for awarding contracts found no exceptions to District policies or state requirements, and no exceptions to District disbursement policies.

The committee recognizes that the District has been scrupulous in adhering to the spirit and intent of the voter-approved bond measures and has demonstrated excellent accountability and stewardship of bond funds.

The committee wishes to thank Contra Costa residents for their support as it works to ensure the District continues to spend bond funds consistent with the intent of the voter-approved bond measures while providing higher education programs in our communities.



## 2009 CITIZENS' BOND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

*Oversight Committee members and Contra Costa Community College District administrators pictured in 2009 include (from left) Brandon Amargo, Jerry Okendo, Vernon Jones, Scott Hanin, Deborah G. Blue (vice chancellor), James Clay, Ed Best, Judy Walters (Diablo Valley College president), J. Dale Hudson, Steve Van Wart, Gary Craft, McKinley Williams (Contra Costa College president), and Ed Balico. Not pictured are Manuel Bustos, Peter García (Los Medanos College president), Francisco Hinojosa, Ludmyrna Lopez, Justine Morrison, Jasmyn Oliver, and Jack Weir. (District staff and college presidents often meet with the committee but are not official members.)*

## BOND MEASURES STIPULATE HOW BOND FUNDS MAY BE SPENT

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. The measure also funds specific projects at various colleges.

**MEASURE A (2002) AND MEASURE A (2006)  
BOND PROGRAMS BACKGROUND**

*Proposition 39 Mandate*

California Education Code Section 15278 requires school districts to establish an independent citizens' oversight committee to inform the public concerning the expenditure of bond revenues, and requires the committee to report at least once a year. This annual report offers information to the community regarding the expenditure of bond funds during 2009 by the Contra Costa Community College District.

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



**TRANSFORMING OUR CAMPUSES  
TO MEET THE NEEDS OF STUDENTS**

MESSAGE FROM THE CHANCELLOR  
**HELEN BENJAMIN, PH.D.**

Because of bond measures passed in 2002 and 2006, the Contra Costa Community College District (District) continues to invest in infrastructure and new facilities that will serve our community for many years to come. Your investment in the District enables us to transform our campuses to meet the higher-education needs of our students.

In our 2008 report, we shared information about the completion of many projects, including a new Student Services Building at Contra Costa College, a new quad area and Science and Math buildings at Los Medanos College, and new athletic and track fields at all three sites. The District's 2009 spending focused on major repairs and renovation at our colleges as well as design work for future construction. In 2010, we are planning major work at all locations that will significantly improve the learning environment. This report previews some of those plans and shares how our energy-savings project and solar panel generation investments are producing over a million dollars in operations and energy cost avoidance.

Although we continue to face fiscal challenges in our general fund brought on by the current economic crisis, we can move forward with our construction projects because of the confidence you have shown in us by supporting our bond measures. We are focused on providing the best learning environment for our students to succeed while maintaining your trust by using our bond resources wisely.

I extend heartfelt gratitude to the members of the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee for their leadership and hard work in ensuring that the bond funds are being used as originally stipulated in the bond measures. I also thank you, the residents of Contra Costa County, for your continued support.

**DOING A FINE JOB DURING COST-CUTTING TIMES**

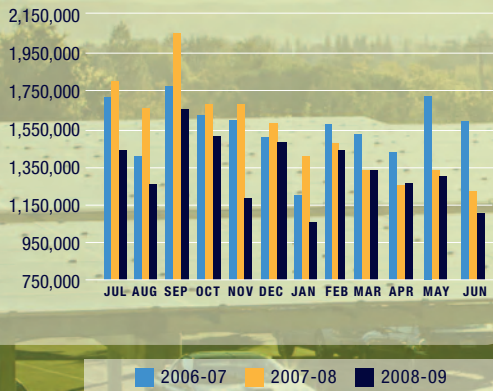


*"I'm pleased to say that the Contra Costa Community College District has done a fine job of managing bond funds approved by voters, especially during these times of cuts in the state budget."*

**BILL BAKER**  
*Former US Congressman for the 10th District and  
Contra Costa County resident*

MEASURE A (2002) BOND FINANCES		MEASURE A (2006) BOND FINANCES	
<b>BOND FUNDING</b>	<b>120,000,000</b>	<b>BOND FUNDING</b>	<b>286,500,000</b>
Expenses		Expenses	
Prior Years	107,779,658	Prior Years	35,997,825
Current Year	2,825,564	Current Year	12,934,296
<i>Remaining</i>	<i>9,394,778</i>	<i>Remaining</i>	<i>237,567,879</i>
State-Funded Projects	88,854,327	State-Funded Projects (estimated)	60,000,000
Interest	9,334,076	Interest and Rebates (estimated)	18,651,000
<b>TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY</b>	<b>218,188,403</b>	<b>TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY (ESTIMATED)</b>	<b>365,151,000</b>

**DISTRICTWIDE ELECTRICAL USAGE IN KWH  
2006-2009 FISCAL YEAR COMPARISON BY MONTH**



**Contra Costa College Liberal Arts Building**

**DISTRICTWIDE SOLAR POWER GENERATION SYSTEM REAPS REWARDS**

Since mid-2006, major energy-conservation measures have included a Districtwide lighting retrofit, installation of mechanical system controllers and upgrades, and primary voltage upgrades. In addition, roughly 3.2 megawatts of solar panels were installed in two phases at all three colleges, with the second phase completed in early 2009.

Detailed analysis of the District's energy-saving measures is difficult because District buildings are not individually metered, the overall building footprint has increased substantially, and kilowatt-hour costs for electric energy are highly variable. However, the solar generation systems provide daily energy output

data that make it relatively easy to analyze the cost avoidance benefit to the District as a result of newly generated power.

Early estimates of energy production for the first phase of solar power generation, installed and online in February 2008, were just under 3.3 million kilowatt hours per year. For the fiscal year July 2008 to June 2009, the measured output was over 3.66 million kilowatt hours. Thus the system exceeded expectations by 11 percent and the total cost avoidance for this timeframe was over \$580,000. When combined with energy-conservation measures, this amounts to over \$1 million in operations and energy cost avoidance.

A seismic retrofit and stabilization of the exterior walls of the Liberal Arts Building has made the classroom and faculty office building a safer place. The two-story structure, which originally opened in 1967, can now serve Contra Costa College students and instructors for several more years.

# BUILDING STRONG FOUNDATIONS AND INSPIRED DESIGN INTO OUR CAMPUSES

A number of the projects completed in 2009 are structural in nature, involving severely needed upgrades of aging facilities and physical plant. Others, however, are more transformational in their outward look and character. All of these bond-financed projects are designed to make the college campuses more attractive, comfortable, and welcoming to students, faculty, and staff.



Diablo Valley College Commons

Bidding and construction begin in 2010 for the expansive and inviting Student Commons, a central campus quad area that will be complemented by the Transit Center and other facilities upgrades at Diablo Valley College. Developed and designed with input from a large campus user group, the single facility features a south wing, centralizing all Student Services functions, and a north wing, housing Food Services and Culinary Arts.

*Above: Rendering of Diablo Valley College Commons Project by Steinberg Architects*



Los Medanos College Core Building

Located in the middle of the campus complex, the Core Building at Los Medanos College underwent complete renovation and seismic strengthening. A newly equipped Computer Lab reopened in the fall of 2009, along with three “smart” classrooms—each equipped with the latest multimedia technology. The renovation also included improvements to the Center for Academic Support, the Office of Instruction, the LMC Research Office, and the Marketing and Media Design Department.

## BOND MEASURE PROJECTS LIST

### MEASURE A (2002)

**CONTRA COSTA COLLEGE:** Vocational Technology Building remodel (2007); Library remodel and Student Services Center (2008); Liberal Arts Building seismic strengthening, Biological Sciences mechanical system upgrades, and Applied Arts/Advanced Technology Building roofing projects (2009); Applied Arts Building remodel projects, Music Building remodel, and Advanced Technology Building exterior renovation\*

**DIABLO VALLEY COLLEGE:** Book Center, Physical Science Building remodel, Life Science remodel/Advanced Technology Center, and Business Education Building remodel (2006); San Ramon Campus and Technical Education Building seismic mitigation (2007); Planetarium remodel (2008); and parking island landscaping (2009)

**LOS MEDANOS COLLEGE:** Planetarium remodel (2006); Library and Math buildings (2007); Science Building (2008); Core Building remodel (2009); and Art Area remodel\*\*

### MEASURE A (2006)

**CONTRA COSTA COLLEGE:** Athletic Facilities (field/track) renovation (2008); Sciences/Allied Health Building (requesting state funding); Student Activities Building renovation and Humanities/Fine Arts seismic retrofit and/or Classroom Building construction\*; and Physical Sciences Building and Biology Building remodel\*\*\*

**DIABLO VALLEY COLLEGE:** Athletic Facilities (field/track) (2008); parking lot repaving (2009); Student Services Center and Culinary Arts and Food Services Facilities\*; and Engineering and Technology Building remodel (awaiting state general obligation bond)

**LOS MEDANOS COLLEGE** Athletic Facilities (field/track) renovation (2008); and Nursing and Medical Training classrooms and labs expansion and Student Services Area renovation\*

**REGIONAL EDUCATION CENTERS:** Brentwood Center acquisition/expansion (requesting state approval); and San Ramon Center Library and Phase II construction\*\*\*

**DISTRICTWIDE INITIATIVES:** Solar and energy-efficiency initiatives (2008); and Information Technology infrastructure\*\*\*\*

\*under design \*\*under construction \*\*\* future \*\*\*\*in planning

# OFFERING EXCEPTIONAL PROGRAMS FOR THE NEXT GENERATION



**MCKINLEY WILLIAMS**  
President

Since 1949, Contra Costa College (CCC) has provided educational opportunities to tens of thousands of students in San Pablo and its surrounding communities. Equipped with the latest (smart) classroom technology, CCC offers a broad variety of exemplary programs and services and excellent transfer options. The college's educational programs have earned outstanding reputations, both nationally and regionally, and its newspaper, *The Advocate*, has won numerous awards. Programs such as the Center for Science Excellence, Speech & Debate Team, Culinary Arts, Early Learning Center, Nursing, and Automotive Services provide students with a wide variety of career options. As CCC celebrates 60 years of excellence in education, it is ready to meet the challenges of preparing the next generation of students and workers for the future.



**JUDY E. WALTERS, PH.D.**  
President

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 to prepare students to participate in emerging technologies and the future workforce. In addition to the main campus in Pleasant Hill, DVC has a campus in San Ramon.



**PETER GARCÍA**  
President



YEAR EST.	1949
PRESIDENT	McKinley Williams
ENROLLMENT	13,683 students annually
LOCATION	2600 Mission Bell Drive, San Pablo, CA
TELEPHONE	510.235.7800
WEBSITE	www.contracosta.edu

Above: Student Services Center



YEAR EST.	1949
PRESIDENT	Judy E. Walters, Ph.D.
ENROLLMENT	34,346 students annually
LOCATION	321 Golf Club Road, Pleasant Hill, CA
TELEPHONE	925.685.1230
WEBSITE	www.dvc.edu

Above: Mathematics Building and campus



With its main campus in Pittsburg and a center in Brentwood, both in East Contra Costa County, Los Medanos College (LMC) offers innovative career technical programs and excellent transfer opportunities, including the only honors program certified as part of the UCLA Transfer Alliance. LMC also offers an enhanced first-year experience through small learning communities where students find both the faculty and staff support they need and other students with common goals. With programs like Engineering, Nursing, HVAC Green Building Technology, Business, Child Development, Electrical and Instrumentation Technology, Emergency Medical Services, Environmental Science, Process Technology, and regional Police and Fire Academies, LMC ensures students receive the resources needed to excel in today's competitive workforce.



YEAR EST. 1974  
 PRESIDENT Peter García  
 ENROLLMENT 16,610 students annually  
 LOCATION 2700 East Leland Road, Pittsburg, CA  
 TELEPHONE 925.439.2181  
 WEBSITE www.losmedanos.edu

Above: Quad area and Science Building

### CONTRA COSTA COLLEGE

“The new Library at the college is nice and quiet. It has more computers and access to a better selection of information. I use the library to do reports and to check e-mail; I probably spend more than half my time there. I don’t have a computer at home, so being able to use one in the Library makes it possible for me to get my homework done. When I started here in the spring of 2008, even the word “college” scared me. But I had a dream and set a goal, and I decided to give 100 percent, and now I’m on the road to achieving my dream.”

**PAUL GAINES**

*Sophomore, completing an Associate in Science degree in Criminal Justice*



### DIABLO VALLEY COLLEGE

“The District has done a great job of repaving and striping both parking lots at DVC and using native plants to landscape around the lots—plants that require a lot less water. I am glad to see the solar panels on campus, too, which puts us ahead of the curve in reducing energy costs. The panels provide shelter for people walking from the parking lots to campus, and on hot days, they keep your car cool inside so you don’t have to crank up the air-conditioning the moment you’re in the driver’s seat. In the future, I hope we will have bond funds for more projects like this—projects that are good for the environment and good for our campuses.”

**CHARLIE SHI**

*Professor and Chair of Business Administration*



### LOS MEDANOS COLLEGE

“The new Computer Lab and facilities on the second floor of the Core Building are a great improvement. We made the old building work, but the new building is wonderful! Everything is new—the furniture, the carpet, the computers, the servers. We have 54 new computers for students in the drop-in lab, and instructors have new computers as well. There is a study area for small groups and an area for students using laptops. We don’t allow eating or drinking in the lab, and no loud talking or other loud noise is permitted. It’s a great environment to work in.”

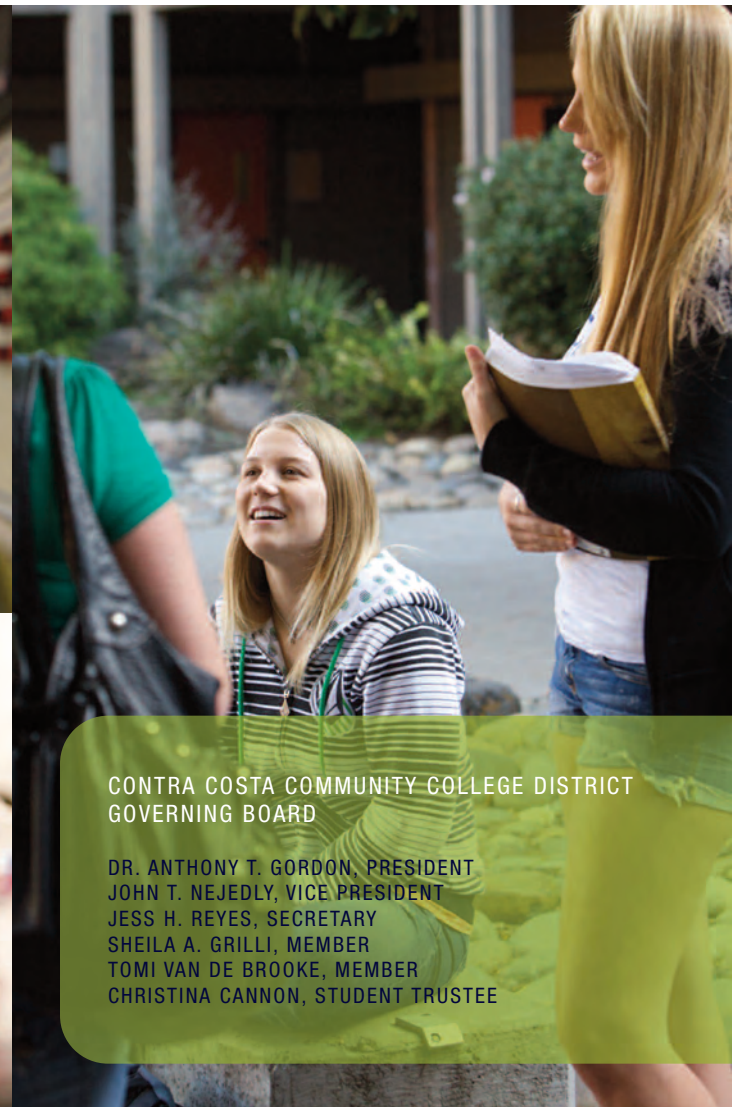
**KAREN STANTON**

*Computer Center Technician*



# FINDING *YOUR* PATHWAY TO SUCCESS

Transform your life and make an investment in your future. Learn about the many education opportunities available at your community college, and find a pathway to success that's just right for you!



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*Cover: Diablo Valley College Commons Project rendering by Steinberg Architects; students on campus. Above: Students from Contra Costa Community College District campuses.*

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