

A Commitment to Stewardship

2011 Bond Report to the Community

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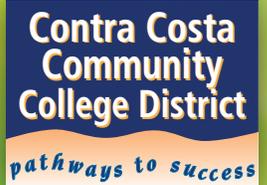
DVC Commons Project Moves Ahead



Demolition in July 2011 of the Diablo Valley College Quad area (top) began the physical transformation of the campus, which will take three years to complete. Commons Project upper terrace rendering (bottom) by Steinberg Architects.

Contra Costa Community College District

Contra Costa College | Diablo Valley College SAN RAMON CAMPUS | Los Medanos College BRENTWOOD CENTER



Taking Responsibility for Your Bond Dollars



Contra Costa College students on the bond-funded Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) campus pathway at the college entrance.

2011 Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee

Oversight Committee members pictured in 2011 include (front row, from left) Mark Ross, James Clay, Jagjit Bhambra, (back row, from left) Mauna Wagner, Debora van Eckhardt, Enrique Ruiz, and Richard Livingston. Not pictured are John Cottrell, Sean DeWoody, Scott Hanin, Ludmyrna Lopez, Steve Van Wart, and Rodney Wilson. (Richard Livingston, Los Medanos College interim president, is not a formal member of the committee.)



Message from the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee

Mauna Wagner, Chair

Take a walk around any of the Contra Costa Community College District (District) campuses, and you'll be very impressed by what you find: bright, helpful students; a wide variety of educational opportunities; and some amazing improvement projects. The Library Building at Contra Costa College (CCC), the Parking Lot infrastructure upgrades at Diablo Valley College (DVC), and the Athletic Field at Los Medanos College (LMC) are all great examples of Measure A bond funds at work.

The Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee is composed of volunteers from a cross section of community groups, including finance, business, academia, taxpayers, and seniors. The committee meets quarterly to verify that:

- all bond funds have been spent in a manner consistent with the language of the Measure A (2002) and Measure A (2006) bonds;
- 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 classroom equipment.

The Oversight Committee has found that all of these objectives have been met. Many of the Measure A (2002) projects are complete, with the remainder on schedule and within budget. Students are benefiting from the new CCC Student Services Center, the renovated DVC Planetarium, and the remodeled LMC Core Building. Several Measure A (2006) projects have been completed and many are under way. These include a new CCC College Center complex (currently in design), the DVC Commons Project, and an LMC Nursing/Emergency Medical Technician facilities remodeling.

Independent audits for both bond measures were performed as required. In the auditor's opinion, the financial statements fairly present, in all material respects, the financial position of the capital outlay for 2002 and 2006 bond funds at June 30, 2010. In addition, the results of the District facilities bond program's operations for the year conform with the accounting principles generally accepted in the United States.

The independent auditors also reviewed a sampling of the 2009–2010 expenditures and verified that the use of the funds was within the scope of the intended use as approved by the voters. 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 Oversight Committee recognizes that the District's stewardship of the Measure A (2002) and (2006) funds continues to adhere to the spirit and intent of the bond measures. The committee is dedicated to upholding Contra Costa residents' commitment to higher education.

Our Commitment to Exemplary Stewardship



Helen Benjamin, Ph.D.

Letter from the Chancellor

With the planning behind us, the Contra Costa Community College District (District) has begun the transformation of the Diablo Valley College (DVC) campus. This annual report focuses on the DVC Commons makeover because opportunities to transform a campus completely do not come often. If the results are anything like the transformation we have accomplished over the past few years at Los Medanos College, we cannot wait to enjoy

the new learning environment that will prepare our students for 21st century jobs and contribute to student success. All of this and more is possible because of the support of Contra Costa County taxpayers who passed our bond measures in 2002 and 2006. On behalf of the District employees and the over 60,000 students we serve every year, thank you for investing in us.

California's economy is sluggish and is expected to remain so for the next few years. This tough fiscal climate has resulted in reductions to our District budget, leading to difficult decisions that limit course offerings and student services. Some members of the community question the wisdom of making capital improvements while cutting in other areas, not realizing that these funds come from a completely separate source. You can be assured that no matter what money the District spends, it is being used wisely and prudently. Our Governing Board is also doing its part by approving the refinancing of outstanding 2002 bonds through the issuance of new bonds, a practice known as "refunding bonds." This action will save Contra Costa taxpayers approximately \$5 million over the life of the bonds.

Finally, I want to acknowledge the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee for its tremendous contribution toward ensuring that the District is exercising exemplary stewardship with these public funds, and complying with the intent and spirit of the approved bond measures. These caring members of our community deserve recognition for their volunteerism and leadership.

Thank you, residents of Contra Costa County, for your continued support.

Background on the Measure A (2002) and Measure A (2006) Improvement Bonds

Voter approval of the Measure A Improvement Bond of 2002 endorsed the action outlined in the ballot language:

"Shall the Contra Costa Community College District issue \$120 million of bonds (its first since 1948) to repair outmoded facilities (for energy savings, safety, and handicapped accessibility improvements), and update facilities used by vocational programs (for fire science, nursing, police, culinary arts, technology programs, etc.) and transfer programs at [all colleges], with a citizens' oversight committee to monitor spending of the funds?"

Passage of a second measure, the Measure A Improvement Bond of 2006, enabled the District to issue bonds of \$286.5 million "to renovate aging college facilities (making energy savings, safety, and handicapped accessibility improvements), and update facilities used by transfer, career and vocational students (for math, science, nursing, technology and other programs) [at all colleges]...at legal interest rates with annual audits and a citizens' oversight committee to monitor spending."

California Proposition 39, approved in 2000, set the stage for these measures and authorized schools, community college districts, and county education offices to issue bonds "for repair, construction or replacement of school facilities, classrooms, if approved by 55 percent local vote..."

California Education Code Sections 15278–15282 requires school districts, upon passing a bond measure, to establish an independent citizens' oversight committee. The committee is charged with informing the public concerning the expenditure of bond revenues and actively reviewing and reporting on the expenditure of taxpayers' money for school construction. This report is part of that response. More information is available on the District website at www.4cd.edu.

Financials for Fiscal Year 2011

MEASURE A (2002) BOND FINANCES		MEASURE A (2006) BOND FINANCES	
Bond Funding	\$120,000,000	Bond Funding	\$286,500,000
Expenses		Expenses	
Prior Years	114,618,450	Prior Years	55,200,926
Current Year	2,422,759	Current Year	12,533,283
<i>Remaining</i>	<i>2,958,791</i>	<i>Remaining</i>	<i>218,765,791</i>
State-Funded Projects	88,372,982	State-Funded Projects (estimated)	60,000,000
Interest	9,765,660	Interest and Rebates (estimated)	18,651,000
Total Capital Outlay	\$218,138,642	Total Capital Outlay (estimated)	\$365,151,000

Diablo Valley College Commons



Commons Project renderings on these pages include the second floor Student Services Counseling area (far left), a north wing exterior view (above), and the Diablo Room dining area (opposite page). All project renderings by Steinberg Architects.



Transformation of the DVC Campus Begins

Construction is under way on the Diablo Valley College (DVC) Commons Project, the largest bond project to date in the history of the Contra Costa Community College District. This work is made possible by Contra Costa voter approval of Bond Measure A (2006); no program or state funds will be used in the construction of this project.

Slated for completion in November 2014, the Commons will serve as the major open space and the heart of the Pleasant Hill campus. It features a single facility, centralizing Student Services in a south wing (slated for completion in fall 2012), and Food Services and Culinary Arts programs in a north wing.

The project also replaces two of the oldest buildings on campus built in 1955 and 1956.

The six-phase sustainable development includes many campus-wide improvements that will facilitate easier navigation and greater safety and security on the DVC campus. The design honors the character of the campus and creates a true integration of buildings and landscape.

The project incorporates Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Gold standard design principles. DVC's construction team is incorporating sustainable building design strategies, such as radiant heating and cooling, natural evaporative systems, natural lighting and air ventilation, low-flow water fixtures, recycled-content building materials, and efficient artificial lighting and controls.

DVC Webcam Captures Historic Campus Makeover

Get updates on the Commons Project at www.dvc.edu/CommonsUpdates.

Be sure to visit the DVC webcam on those pages for construction photos, and view a time-lapse film of the entire construction process.



“The design of the building will also make connections with other parts of the campus more seamless.”

— Beth Hauscarriague

Commons Project demolition and construction this summer and fall are pictured at top left, center left, and immediate left.

Project : A Model of Sustainability

Visions of the Future Commons



Stacey Shears, Ed.D.
Disability Support
Services Manager

Disability Support Services (DSS) is currently in three different locations on campus—the Student Services Center, the Counseling Center, and the Learning Center. When the Commons Project is completed, our learning disabilities specialist, assistive technology specialist, DSS counselors and High Tech Center, a computer lab for students with disabilities, will be located in the same place as the rest of DSS. That will be a huge help for our students. Also, both levels of the Commons Project will have ground-level access. That will be helpful, as DVC is now located on six or seven different levels, which can make getting around challenging.



Chef Paul Bernhardt
Instructor and Department
Chair, Hotel and Restaurant
Management

At first, I was anxious what the foot-traffic pattern imposed by construction of the Commons Project would do to our Norseman Restaurant and Express Line business. Surprisingly, overall it's worked out in our favor. So much of a vocational program, especially a food program, is facility and equipment driven, and we're to the point that our facility has more than outlived its life span; it's being held together by a really resourceful maintenance crew. We're in survival mode now, but come 2014, we will have the best food services instructional facility in the state.



Beth Hauscarriague
Dean of Outreach,
Enrollment and Matriculation,
Student Services

The new building will make services more convenient for students, and it will be easier for Student Services staff to direct and guide students because all student services will be located in one place. The Student Union Building, Bookstore, Cafeteria, and the Student Services Building will frame the Quad area, which will make the campus more inviting and cohesive. The design of the building will also make connections with other parts of the campus more seamless. Once it's completed, the Commons Project will create a campus that is more user-friendly and connected.



Peter García
DVC President

I am excited to inherit DVC's transformational and communally embraced Commons Project. Through a series of forums, a campus-wide committee, and about a year spent envisioning the new Commons, our architects were able to create drawings and blueprints that translated that vision: an outdoor hub, surrounded by state-of-the-art buildings, where students can congregate and transit through academically, physically, and in terms of student services. Beyond providing a badly needed Culinary Arts Building, the project integrates an existing Student Union and a theater space, offering a public amenity and an access spot for students.



Katerina Schreck
President of DVC Associated
Students

I've talked to students about the ongoing Commons Project construction and how it's working for them. There have been a few issues about trying to get to class, including pathways that can be hard to navigate and take longer, but overall most students are happy about the project. They like it because all of the essential services are going to be in one location, so they won't have to wander around campus trying to find things. Programs like Culinary Arts will have a bigger and better location. When I explain how the bonds have paid for these facilities, students are really for the changes.

Bond Measure Projects List

Contra Costa College

MEASURE A (2002): Vocational Technology Building remodel, and Americans with Disabilities Act Path of Travel project (2007); Library remodel, new perimeter fencing and new Student Services Center building (2008); Biological Sciences Building mechanical system upgrades, and Applied Arts and Automotive Technology buildings roofing projects (2009); Applied Arts Building remodel and roof replacement, and Automotive Technology Building exterior renovation (2010); Smart Classroom equipment installation (2011), Music Building remodel*, 12 Kilovolt Utility upgrade*, Access Control and Security upgrades**, new Gym Annex elevator**, Parking Lot 16 upgrade**, and new College Center design**

MEASURE A (2006): Athletic facilities (field/track) renovation (2008); 12 Kilovolt Utility upgrade*, new Student Activities Building**, new Classroom Building**, new Quad area**, seismic retrofit various buildings**, and Physical Education Annex remodel***

Diablo Valley College

MEASURE A (2002): New Book Center, Physical Sciences Building remodel, Life Science remodel for Advanced Technology Center, and Business Education Building remodel (2006); new San Ramon Campus and Technical Education Building seismic mitigation (2007); Planetarium remodel (2008); Life and Health Sciences ceiling upgrade, and parking island landscaping (2009), gas line replacement (2011)

MEASURE A (2006): Athletic facilities (field/track) renovation (2008); parking lot repaving (2009); soccer field regrading (2010); new Student Services Center*, new Culinary Arts and Food Services Building*, new Commons area*, Baseball and Softball Field upgrades**, and Engineering Technology Building remodel***

Los Medanos College

MEASURE A (2002): Planetarium remodel (2006); new Library and new Math Building (2007); new Science Building and Brentwood Center expansion (2008); new Quad area and Core Building remodel (2009); and Art Area remodel and Brentwood Center expansion (2010)

MEASURE A (2006): Athletic facilities (field/track) renovation (2008); parking lot B extension (2010); Nursing and Emergency Medical Training classrooms and labs*, Student Services Area renovation**, and new Physical Education Building***

Regional Education Centers

MEASURE A (2006): purchase 17.5 acres for new Brentwood Center (2011), new Brentwood Center building***

Districtwide Initiatives

MEASURE A (2006): Solar power and energy-efficiency initiatives (2008) and Information Technology infrastructure**

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Meeting the Educational Needs of



Contra Costa College

Left: The first phase of the Music Building renovation at Contra Costa College addresses seismic strengthening, interior improvements, and data systems upgrades. The renovated building will include a new atrium for small performances, a recording studio, and a piano lab. Right: Students enjoy the open learning environment offered by the inviting new math lab, which conveniently adjoins renovated faculty offices on the remodeled second floor of the Applied Arts Building.



Diablo Valley College

Left: The old six-inch-diameter main gas line to the Diablo Valley College campus was replaced with a new horizontal, directionally bored plastic line, equipped with a new earthquake valve for improved safety. Right: The women's soccer team began practice this year on their new, natural grass field, following regrading, drainage improvements, additional seeding, and new fencing.



Los Medanos College

A number of new construction projects are now under way in preparation for Los Medanos College's longer-term plan to construct a new Student Services Center by 2014, which will include Admissions, Administration, Business Services, and Central Services. The new center, which will ultimately centralize all student services in one area, has been designed with an architectural look that is consistent with other new campus structures. Project rendering by tBP/Architecture.

Our Communities



Contra Costa College



YEAR EST. 1949
PRESIDENT
McKinley Williams
ENROLLMENT
12,912 students annually
LOCATION
2600 Mission Bell Drive
San Pablo, CA 94806
TELEPHONE 510.235.7800
WEBSITE
www.contracosta.edu

Since 1949, Contra Costa College (CCC) has provided exemplary educational services to thousands of residents from the greater West County area. The college has superior faculty and staff, and a learning environment that maximizes the potential of students. Technology throughout the institution connects students to the world to ensure a relevant and current exchange of ideas. The college also is proud of its diverse student body and commitment to individual student success. Excellent programs such as the Center for Science Excellence, *The Advocate* newspaper, the green Automotive Services program, the Nursing program, and the Culinary Arts program are known throughout the state and the nation. A model of excellence, CCC is one of the premier community colleges in the country.



Diablo Valley College



YEAR EST. 1949
PRESIDENT
Peter García
ENROLLMENT
31,559 students annually
LOCATION
321 Golf Club Road
Pleasant Hill, CA 94523
TELEPHONE 925.685.1230
WEBSITE
www.dvc.edu

Over the last 60 years, Diablo Valley College (DVC) has distinguished itself as one of the nation's most successful community colleges by offering incomparable transfer opportunities and exceptional career-technical programs and degrees, while responding to an evolving need for more robust adult basic skills and ESL programs. At both the Pleasant Hill and San Ramon locations, local and international students experience high-quality instruction and support services designed for student success. DVC's many career-technical programs are continuously improving to keep pace with emerging technologies and the new skills our students need to be successful in any job market. The college's transfer achievements are unparalleled, making DVC the number one transfer pathway to UC Berkeley.



Los Medanos College



YEAR EST. 1974
ACTING PRESIDENT
Richard Livingston
ENROLLMENT
14,695 students annually
LOCATION
2700 East Leland Road
Pittsburg, CA 94565
TELEPHONE 925.439.2181
WEBSITE
www.losmedanos.edu

Los Medanos College (LMC) provides innovative career technical and excellent transfer opportunities in East Contra Costa County. A focus on student learning and success helps students build their abilities and competencies as lifelong learners, and provides critical educational preparation to help them to succeed in their career endeavors. Special opportunities include the only honors program certified as part of the UCLA Transfer Alliance, and learning communities supported by faculty and staff. With programs like Engineering, Nursing, Communication Studies, Child Development, Instrumentation Technology, Mathematics and Process Technology, students receive the resources they need to excel in today's competitive workforce and at four-year colleges. LMC's main campus is located in Pittsburg, with a center in Brentwood.

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