

Pathways to the Future



Top: Diablo Valley College students gather in the open space between the Commons' north and south wings. Center: Contra Costa College Center project construction is under way. Bottom: Los Medanos College students enjoying the campus Quad.



**Contra Costa
Community
College District**
pathways to success

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2014 Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee



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Letter from the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee

William van Dyk, CHAIR

Many improvements have been made within the Contra Costa Community College District (District) as a result of Measure A (2002) and Measure A (2006) bonds. On June 3, 2014, over 55 percent of Contra Costa County voters passed Measure E (2014), a \$450 million facilities bond.

(Official Measure E ballot language)

"To upgrade educational facilities at Diablo Valley, Contra Costa, and Los Medanos Colleges, and the San Ramon and Brentwood centers, and help prepare students for jobs and college transfer by modernizing classrooms and labs, building facilities for health, medical, science, and technology training, and implementing earthquake safety, accessibility, and infrastructure improvements, shall the Contra Costa Community College District issue \$450 million of bonds at legal interest rates with independent oversight, audits, and all funds spent on local sites?"

The current Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee (Committee) that has overseen the implementation of Measure A (2002) and Measure A (2006) bonds has been authorized by the District Governing Board to also ensure Measure E (2014) bond proceeds are spent only for school facilities projects listed in the bond projects list.

Work continues at all three campuses on projects funded by the 2002 and 2006 bonds. In addition, the community supported a number of improvements funded by the Measure E (2014) bond, including the following.

- Build new or remodel existing facilities for a Science and Allied Health center at Contra Costa College.
- Modernize the Engineering Technology building at Diablo Valley College.
- Construct a new Student Union building at Los Medanos College.
- Construct a new, permanent facility for the Brentwood Center.
- Expand and remodel the San Ramon Campus.

In 2000, California voters approved Proposition 39, which lowered voter approval for school construction bonds from a two-thirds majority to 55 percent. Districts passing a Proposition 39 school bond are required to form a Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee. The Committee is composed of volunteers from a cross section of community groups, including finance, business, academia, taxpayers, and seniors. We continue to monitor the District's expenditure of Measure A (2002) and Measure A (2006) funds to ensure that all money spent is consistent with the bond language of the original ballot measures. We will also be overseeing the expenditure of Measure E (2014) funds.

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 annual 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, the purchase of needed classroom equipment, and administration of bond projects.

The Committee is pleased to report that these requirements have been met and money spent administering the bond expenditures is well within industry standards and consistent with best practices of other bond oversight committees throughout the state.

Independent performance and financial audits have been performed as required. In the auditors' opinion, "the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the capital outlay for 2002 and 2006 bond funds at June 30, 2013." In addition, the results of the District facilities bond program's operations for the year conform to the accounting principles generally accepted in the United States.

The District continues to adhere not only to the intent but also to the spirit of Measure A (2002) and Measure A (2006), exercising diligent stewardship of the funds. The Committee also appreciates the support and investment commitment of the community to help provide quality higher education for our students.

Reflecting on the Impressive Transformation of Our Colleges

Message from the Chancellor

I came to the District in 1990 and can remember quite clearly what the colleges looked like at the time. What an amazing transformation has taken place in the last decade! Now, workspaces are open and inviting, many classrooms are equipped to enhance learning, and there is plenty of natural light. All the District's campuses have changed for the better, thanks to the passage of our bond measures. The look and feel of our three campuses will be equivalent to the environments of four-year colleges and universities.

At Diablo Valley College, original buildings from the 1950s have been demolished to make way for a one-stop student services center and adjacent culinary arts and food services building. These are connected to the rest of the campus through the newly remodeled main entrance leading to the relocated and expanded "commons" area.

Following the removal of several of the original buildings, construction of Contra Costa College's new College Center Complex is beginning to take shape. Steel girders frame the new structures students will soon enjoy: a new classroom building, a new student activities complex, and new culinary arts facilities, integrated with a relocated quad and outdoor amphitheater.

Los Medanos College is also receiving a needed major facelift to its original core building, bringing all student services under one roof. The new library, science, and mathematics buildings, with a quad at their center, provide a gathering place for students.

I am very excited about the passage of our largest bond measure ever in June 2014, and grateful to the residents of Contra Costa County for their support of the bond. With the passage of Measure E, the community has given us the green light to continue making facility investments that contribute to student success. The additional \$450 million provided by the bond's approval means the work we began with the passage of the first bond in 2002 will continue. A new center will be constructed in Brentwood, much-needed seismic and accessibility improvements will continue to be made at all sites, and old structures will be renovated or replaced.

I must also thank our Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee members for agreeing to oversee the District's expenditures related to the 2014 bond measure. They are truly the unsung heroes who make sure we exercise exemplary stewardship of the public funds entrusted to us and that our prudent spending complies with the intent and spirit of the approved bond measures.

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



Helen Benjamin, Ph.D.

Attend Bond Oversight Committee Meetings and Learn More about the District

Extensive information about the District's bond program, including project lists for all bond measures, is available on the District's website at www.4cd.edu/about/committees/measure_a/default.aspx. You'll also find copies of this annual report and past reports, and a current schedule of meetings of the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee, which are open to the public. The next meeting of the Oversight Committee will be held on Wednesday, April 15, 2015, from 3 to 5 p.m. at Los Medanos College, 2700 East Leland Road, Pittsburg.



Diablo Valley College students enjoy the open feeling of the Commons' newly completed north wing, now called the Hospitality Services and Food Court, or HSFC building, offering a Food Court on the ground floor and Culinary Arts on the second floor.

Making Transformative Facility

Measure A (2002) Bond Projects Completed



Nearly all District construction projects financed through the Measure A (2002) bond of \$120 million have been completed. A small amount of interest earned on the funds is being used to finish several minor projects, including installation of an elevator for disability access at the Gymnasium Annex at Contra Costa College (CCC).

Thanks to 2002 bond funds, a beautiful new Student Services Center and a major interior and structural renovation of the Music building were completed at CCC. Bond funds were used at Diablo Valley College (DVC) to build a new Bookstore and a permanent San Ramon Campus. Los Medanos College (LMC) gained a new Quad, Library, Math, and Science buildings from 2002 funding. (See the bond projects list on the opposite page for more details.)

Measure A (2002) Financials for Fiscal Year 2014

MEASURE A (2002) CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM FINANCES

Bond Funding	\$120,000,000
Expenses	
Prior Years	\$120,000,000
Current Year	\$0
Remaining Bond	\$0
State Funding	\$88,402,619
Expenses (Prior Years)	\$88,402,619
Interest Funding	\$9,816,330
Expenses	
Prior Years	\$8,307,437
Current Year	\$205,031
Remaining Interest	\$1,303,862
Total Capital Outlay	\$218,218,949



LMC Quad and new buildings (top); student practices in the CCC Music building atrium (above)



Measure A (2006) Financials for Fiscal Year 2014

MEASURE A (2006) CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM FINANCES

Bond Funding	\$286,500,000
Expenses	
Prior Years	\$120,214,808
Current Year	\$39,569,699
Remaining Bond	\$126,715,493
Interest and Rebate Funding (estimated)	\$14,350,000
Expenses	
Prior Years	\$893,151
Current Year	\$1,289,219
Remaining Interest, Rebates (estimated)	\$16,468,630
Total Capital Outlay (estimated)	\$300,850,000

Measure A (2006) Bond Projects Update

Measure A (2006) bond funds of \$286.5 million continue to fund major construction at all three colleges, including the new College Center and a new Classroom building at CCC, the sixth and final phase of the Commons project at DVC, and the College Complex renovation at LMC.

Major projects completed with 2006 funds include an impressive new Student Services Center and a Hospitality Services and Food Court building at DVC. At LMC, new Nursing and Medical Training classrooms and labs were constructed. In addition, all campuses are benefiting from athletic facilities renovations and ADA-compliant parking projects, along with energy management system and information technology upgrades Districtwide.

DVC Student Services Center building (above); CCC Student Services Center (above, right)



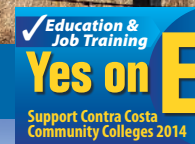
Investments on Our Campuses

Plans are ramping up to take advantage of the \$450 million in Measure E (2014) bond funds, approved by Contra Costa voters in June. In fact, the first \$120 million in bonds was secured before year-end 2014.

Major construction projects are now in the planning stage at all District campuses. These include a new or modernized Science and Allied Health center at CCC, renovation of DVC's Engineering Technology building, a new Student Union at LMC, and a new, permanent facility for the Brentwood Center, among other projects. In addition, the District now has the funds to continue to renovate old buildings, upgrade aging infrastructure, and complete more seismic safety improvements at its facilities.



Measure E (2014) Bond Projects Planned



Site of new Brentwood Center (top, right); rendering of new CCC Science and Allied Health building (below, right) Project rendering by tBP/Architecture

Measure E (2014) Financials for Fiscal Year 2014

MEASURE E (2014) CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM FINANCES	
Bond Funding	\$450,000,000
Expenses	
Current Year	\$0
Remaining Bond	\$450,000,000



Updated 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, and 12 Kilovolt Utility upgrade (2012); Parking Lot 16 design, new College Center design, and Access Control and Security upgrades (2013); and new Gymnasium Annex elevator (2014)

MEASURE A (2006): Athletic facilities (field/track) renovation Phase 1 (2008); 12 Kilovolt Utility upgrade (2012); Athletic facilities renovation Phase 2 (2013), new Student Activities building*, new Classroom building*, new Quad area*, seismic retrofit of various buildings*, Parking Lot 16 upgrade*, and Physical Education Annex remodel***

MEASURE E (2014): Construct new Science and Allied Health Center or modernize current spaces housing Science and Allied Health educational programs***; modernize or construct Campus Operations building***; modernize Gymnasium Annex***; modernize Gymnasium, locker rooms, and other Physical Education facilities***

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); new Student Services Center—partial project (2012); DVC Measure A (2002) allocation fully expensed and closed in 2012

MEASURE A (2006): Athletic facilities (field/track) renovation (2008); parking lot repaving (2009); soccer field regrading (2010); new Student Services Center (2012); Baseball and Softball Field upgrades (2013), new Culinary Arts and Food Services building (2014); new Commons area*, and Engineering Technology building remodel**

MEASURE E (2014): Modernize Engineering Technology building**; construct new Science and Learning Center Complex***; modernize or construct new Art building***; modernize Physical Education Complex***

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 (2012); Student Services Area renovation*, and new Physical Education building**

MEASURE E (2014): Modernize College Complex building***; construct new Student Union building***; modernize Physical Education, Gymnasium, and aquatics facilities***

Regional Education Centers

MEASURE A (2006): Purchase 17.5 acres for new Brentwood Center (2011)

MEASURE E (2014): Construct new Brentwood Center building***; expand San Ramon Campus***

District Office Buildings

MEASURE E (2014): Seismic safety upgrades***; modernize or construct public safety station at CCC***; modernize or construct public safety station at LMC***

Districtwide Initiatives

MEASURE A (2006): Solar power and energy-efficiency initiatives (2008); Information Technology infrastructure (2014)

MEASURE E (2014): Upgrade security and access control**

*UNDER CONSTRUCTION | **UNDER DESIGN | ***FUTURE



Contra Costa College



CONTRA COSTA COLLEGE

YEAR EST. 1949
PRESIDENT Denise Noldon, Ph.D.
ENROLLMENT 10,876 students annually
LOCATION 2600 Mission Bell Drive
San Pablo, CA 94806
TELEPHONE 510.235.7800
WEBSITE www.contracosta.edu

DVC

DIABLO VALLEY COLLEGE

YEAR EST. 1949
PRESIDENT Peter Garcia
ENROLLMENT 29,229 students annually
LOCATION 321 Golf Club Road
Pleasant Hill, CA 94523
TELEPHONE 925.685.1230
WEBSITE www.dvc.edu



Diablo Valley College



Los Medanos College

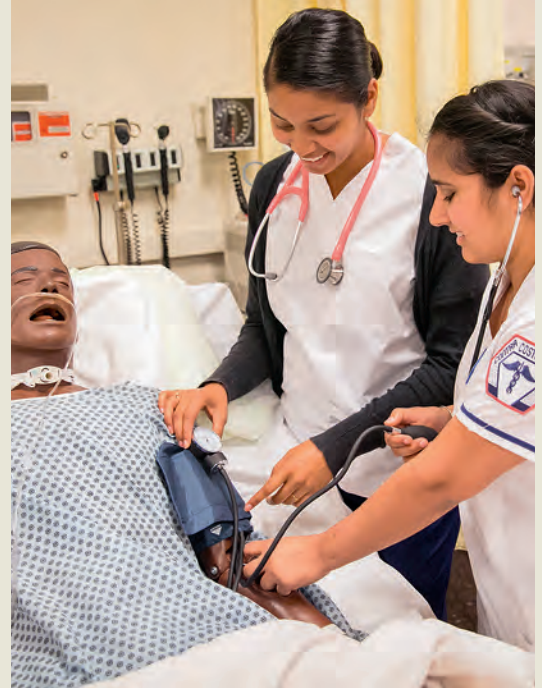
LOS MEDANOS COLLEGE

YEAR EST. 1974
PRESIDENT Bob Kratochvil
ENROLLMENT 12,264 students annually
LOCATION 2700 East Leland Road
Pittsburg, CA 94565
TELEPHONE 925.439.2181
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President Denise Noldon, Ph.D.

Since 1949, Contra Costa College (CCC) has provided exemplary educational services to hundreds of thousands of residents from the greater West County area. The college has superior faculty and staff members and a learning environment that maximizes the potential of students. Technology is available throughout the institution and connects students to the world to ensure a relevant exchange of ideas. The college 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 prides itself on being one of the finest community colleges in the country.



A new elevator installation to CCC's Gymnasium Annex enables students with disabilities to access the entire building (left); Nursing students work with a mannequin in the skills lab (right). For College Center construction updates, visit www.contracosta.edu/home/about/construction-news/.



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.



President Peter Garcia

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.

A new Commons area under construction at DVC, expected to be completed in early 2015, will include a large, central campus space and outdoor Amphitheater (left); a Culinary Arts student uses the new facilities (right). For Commons construction updates, visit the project webcam at <http://oxblue.com/open/Flintco/DVCStudentServices>.



President Bob Kratochvil, Ph.D.

Los Medanos College (LMC) provides excellent transfer and innovative career-technical 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.



The new LMC Student Services Center will be open for business in the spring 2015 term (left); students on campus (right). For updates on the Student Services building construction, visit <http://www.losmedanos.edu/student-services/>.



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