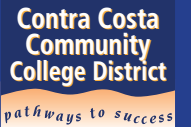




**Contra Costa Community College District**  
2015 BOND REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY

# WELCOMING the FUTURE

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Top: Los Medanos College students in front of the newly renovated Student Services Center. Above, left: Diablo Valley College students on the new Commons Quad. Above, right: Contra Costa College Center project construction in October 2015.

# MONITORING EXPENDITURES for the DISTRICT'S BOND PROJECTS



Cutting the ceremonial ribbon at the Diablo Valley College (DVC) Commons opening in April 2015 are (from left) Governing Board vice president Greg Enholm, Congressman Mark DeSaulnier, Governing Board president Vicki Gordon, Governing Board member John T. Nejedly, Chancellor Helen Benjamin, DVC president Peter Garcia, and Governing Board secretary Tim Farley.

## 2015 Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee



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Enrique Ruiz, CCC Business Organization Representative



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LMC Student Representative and LMC Business Organization Representative positions are unfilled.

## Letter from the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee

William van Dyk, CHAIR

Many improvements continue to be realized within the Contra Costa Community College District (District) as a result of Measure A (2002) and Measure A (2006) bonds. A major milestone was reached on July 21, 2015, when the District announced that all construction of new and remodeled facilities funded by Measure A (2002) bond funds had been completed within budget and that bond program is now closed.

On June 3, 2014, over 55 percent of Contra Costa County voters passed Measure E (2014), a \$450 million facilities bond. Following the passage of the measure, the District's Governing Board approved a plan for the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee (Committee) to include Measure E within its ongoing work and oversight.

The Committee has witnessed the successful completion of the Los Medanos College Student Services remodel, the Diablo Valley College Commons project, and the exciting progress of the Contra Costa College Center project. We congratulate the District on a job well done.

We look forward to working with the District staff as they continue transforming their facilities with projects 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 Activities 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. Now that the 2002 bond is closed, we will continue monitoring the District's expenditure of the 2006 and 2014 bond funds to ensure that all money spent is consistent with the bond language of the original ballot measures.

The Committee meets quarterly to verify that:

- all bond funds have been spent in a manner consistent with the language of the 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 as of June 30, 2014." 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), Measure A (2006), and Measure E (2014), 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. The public is encouraged to attend our quarterly Committee public meetings. Meeting agendas, dates, and locations are available at [http://www.4cd.edu/about/committees/measure\\_a/default.aspx](http://www.4cd.edu/about/committees/measure_a/default.aspx).

# The Future is Taking Shape on Our Campuses



Helen Benjamin, Ph.D.

## Message from the Chancellor

When we asked for the community's support of our initial bond some 13 years ago, we envisioned our campuses to be inspirational facilities of higher learning. A major milestone has been reached with the closure of our Measure A (2002) bond measure, and it is gratifying to see our vision becoming reality and the future of our campuses taking shape. As we continue making capital investments using our 2006 and 2014 bond funds, we thank Contra Costa voters for trusting our ability to be good stewards of public funds.

The projects at Contra Costa, Diablo Valley, and Los Medanos funded by Measure A 2006 provided further enhancements to all three sites as highlighted in this report. As a result, our facilities are safer, more accessible, and energy efficient.

Thanks to the dedication of our Facilities department, our campuses are finally beginning to rival our local four-year institutions. I invite you to visit our campuses to see how we are using the investment you are making in our facilities and the future of all the students who take advantage of educational opportunities offered at our colleges and centers.

Finally, I extend our sincerest gratitude and appreciation to our Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee. They continue to work diligently to ensure we are implementing our bond programs with integrity and compliance every step of the way.



Los Medanos College students at the Student Services building entrance

## Updated Bond Program Projects List

### 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\*\*\*

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(See additional bond program projects on college pages.)

## Financials for Fiscal Year 2015

### Measure A (2002) Financials for Fiscal Year 2015

MEASURE A (2002) CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FINANCES	
<b>Bond Funding</b>	<b>\$120,000,000</b>
Prior Years	\$120,000,000
Current Year	\$-
Remaining Bond	\$-
<b>State Funding</b>	<b>\$88,402,619</b>
Expenses (Prior Years)	\$88,402,619
<b>Interest Funding (based on actual interest incurred in FY 2015)</b>	<b>\$9,819,277</b>
Prior Years	\$8,512,468
Current Year	\$1,306,809
Remaining Interest	\$-
<b>Total Capital Outlay</b>	<b>\$218,221,896</b>

### Measure A (2006) Financials for Fiscal Year 2015

MEASURE A (2006) CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FINANCES	
<b>Bond Funding</b>	<b>\$286,500,000</b>
Prior Years	\$159,784,507
Current Year	\$34,640,187
Remaining Bond	\$92,075,306
<b>Interest, Rebate, and Other Funding (based on actual rebate and interest incurred in FY 2015)</b>	<b>\$13,427,912</b>
Prior Years	\$2,182,370
Current Year	\$2,662,840
Remaining Interest, Rebates, and Other (estimated)	\$8,582,702
<b>Total Capital Outlay</b>	<b>\$299,927,912</b>

### Measure E (2014) Financials for Fiscal Year 2015

MEASURE E (2014) CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FINANCES	
<b>Bond Funding</b>	<b>\$450,000,000</b>
Prior Years	\$-
Current Year	\$1,248,185
Remaining Bond	\$448,751,815
<b>Interest, Rebate, and Other Funding (based on estimated funding for FY 2015)</b>	<b>\$7,762,895</b>
Prior Years	\$-
Current Year	\$-
Remaining Interest, Rebates, and Other (estimated)	\$7,762,895
<b>Total Capital Outlay</b>	<b>\$457,762,895</b>



# Contra Costa College: Committed To Individual Student Success



Interim President Mojdeh Mehdizadeh

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.



## College Center Offers New Vision for Campus

The College Center project creates a new vision for the central core and heart of the CCC campus, thanks to Measure A (2006) bond funding. Expected to be completed by fall 2016, the center includes an Administration/Student Activities building, Fireside community building, outdoor eating area, Amphitheater, and Quad. Prior to the start of fall 2015 classes, construction and landscaping crews expedited work on the new parking lot 7; parking lot 16 was renewed and the hillsides for lots 16 and 17 were stabilized. Remaining Measure A (2002) bond funds were used to construct a new Gymnasium Annex elevator.

Measure E (2014) bond funds will support construction of a new or modernized Science and Allied Health Center, a Campus Operations building and other facilities upgrades, now in the design phase.

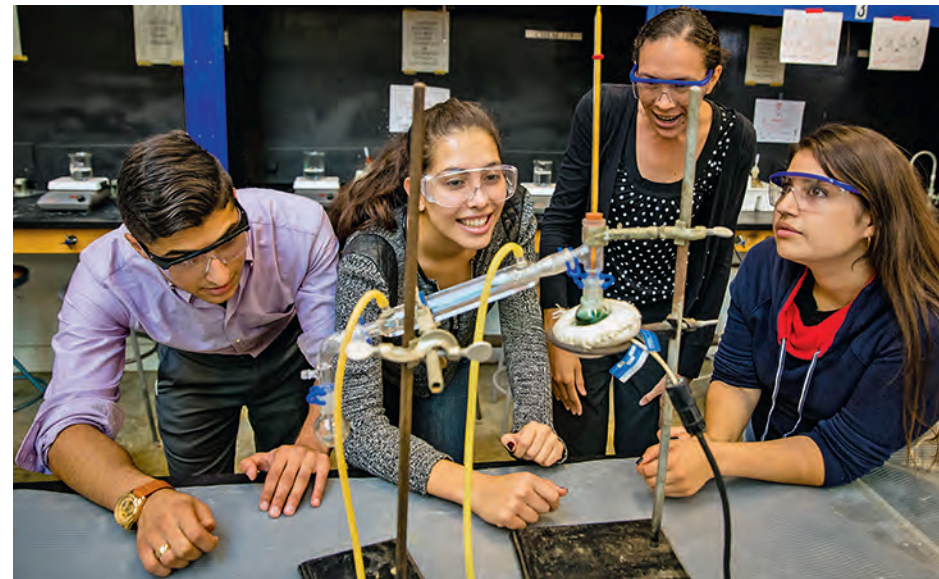
## Updated Bond Measure Projects List

**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 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 (2015). CCC Measure A (2002) projects are now complete and CCC bond allocation is fully expensed. The bond program will be fully closed pending the upcoming audit.

**MEASURE A (2006):** Athletic facilities (field/track) renovation Phase 1 (2008); 12 Kilovolt Utility upgrade (2012); Athletic facilities renovation Phase 2 (2013); Parking Lot 16 upgrade (2015); new Student Activities building\*; new Classroom building\*, new Quad area\*; seismic retrofit of various buildings\*, 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\*\*\*

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Counter-clockwise, from top, left: New College Center construction in October 2015; rendering of College Center depicts campus Amphitheater surrounded by Food Services and Fireside meeting room; CCC student in new parking lot 7; students conduct science experiments in the classroom. *Project rendering by tBP/Architecture*

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# Diablo Valley College: Offering Incomparable Transfer Options



President Peter Garcia



YEAR EST. 1949  
ENROLLMENT 28,837 students annually  
LOCATION 321 Golf Club Road  
Pleasant Hill, CA 94523  
TELEPHONE 925.685.1230  
WEBSITE [www.dvc.edu](http://www.dvc.edu)

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 to a diverse student body, while responding to an evolving need for robust adult basic skills and ESL programs.

At both the Pleasant Hill and San Ramon locations, local and international students engage with high-quality instruction and support services designed for student learning and success. Faculty from DVC's various career-technical programs are in continuous dialog with our surrounding community to keep pace with emerging technologies and new skill requirements our students need to be successful in any job market.

The college's unparalleled transfer programs prepare our students in large numbers to be successful in four-year colleges and universities all over the state and the country. DVC continuously ranks among the top transfer pathways to UC Berkeley.



Clockwise, from top, right: Americans with Disabilities Act-compliant walkway is part of the college's newly completed north entrance; students enjoy walking and sitting on the new, wide-open Quad.



## Completed Commons Makes DVC a Showplace Campus

The sixth and final phase of the \$52-million Commons project was completed at DVC in 2015. A showcase of sustainable development, the project is on track to achieve a LEED Gold certification rating. Key elements of the Commons include Student Services, Food Services, Culinary Arts instructional programs, and a wide and welcoming central campus Quad with unique student gathering and conversation areas.

Other projects being planned that will be funded by Measure E (2014) bond funds include a Science and Learning Center Complex, an Engineering Technology building renovation, an Art building, a Physical Education Complex upgrade, and expansion or reconfiguration of the San Ramon Campus.

## Updated Bond Measure Projects List

**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) projects are completed and DVC 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 (2015); New Softball Bleachers/Upgrades\*\*, Engineering Technology building remodel\*\*\*

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

### REGIONAL EDUCATION CENTER:

**MEASURE E (2014):** Expand San Ramon Campus\*\*\*

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# Los Medanos College: Focusing On Student Learning and Success



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.

YEAR EST. 1974

ENROLLMENT 12,384 students annually

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## Student Services Center Completes Stunning Campus Quad

Los Medanos College celebrated its 40th anniversary in March 2015 with a community open house and ribbon-cutting for its new Student Services Center. Financed through Measure A (2006) bond funds, the attractive center provides a one-stop area for students to access all of the college's student services.

A new Student Union and a new, permanent facility for the Brentwood Center will be among the projects funded by Measure E (2014) bond funds.

## Updated Bond Measure Projects List

**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).

LMC Measure A (2002) projects are now complete and LMC bond allocation is fully expensed. The bond program will be fully closed pending the upcoming audit.

**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 (2015), and new Physical Education building\*\*

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

### REGIONAL EDUCATION CENTER:

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

**MEASURE E (2014):** Construct new Brentwood Center building\*\*

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Counter-clockwise, from top, left: Drama class instruction; view of students on the ground floor of the new Student Services Center; student in the Library; celebrating LMC's 40th anniversary and opening of the new Student Services Center in March 2015.

# Perspectives from the Colleges: Our Future is Here!

"As a leadership coach and community activist, I have a strong affinity for working with people who like to get things done. That's why I so enjoy my work with LMC's Latino Advisory Committee, the Office of Student Life, and the Puente Program, an effort to train and equip Latino students to become future leaders. I see the college as a place where we can connect with the community and improve lives through technology and education. I am proud to bring community members here, to take them to classrooms, and say, this is part of the community and we are partners. There are now more places to gather, develop ideas, connect, plan, and organize than ever before. The tremendous campus transformation demonstrates the incredible stewardship the District has exercised with the money the taxpayers have approved for student facilities."

**Tony L. Jimenez**, Latino Advisory Committee Member, Los Medanos College



"I will graduate this spring with a major in communications, which, unfortunately, means I will miss the completion of the new College Center next fall. It's bad timing for me, but it's all right—I will be back for a visit and look inside. As a Contra Costa College student ambassador, I work in the Welcome Center in the Student Services building. My job as a student ambassador is to inform students about resources available to them on campus, answer questions, and help members of the community register to become new CCC students. I often explain to students, as well as prospective students, that the current construction means the college will have various new facilities. This includes a new fireside meeting room, and new classrooms. I am happy that the construction seems to be going along smoothly, and things are getting done pretty quickly. Everything looks great so far!"

**Sakeema Payne**, Student Ambassador, Contra Costa College

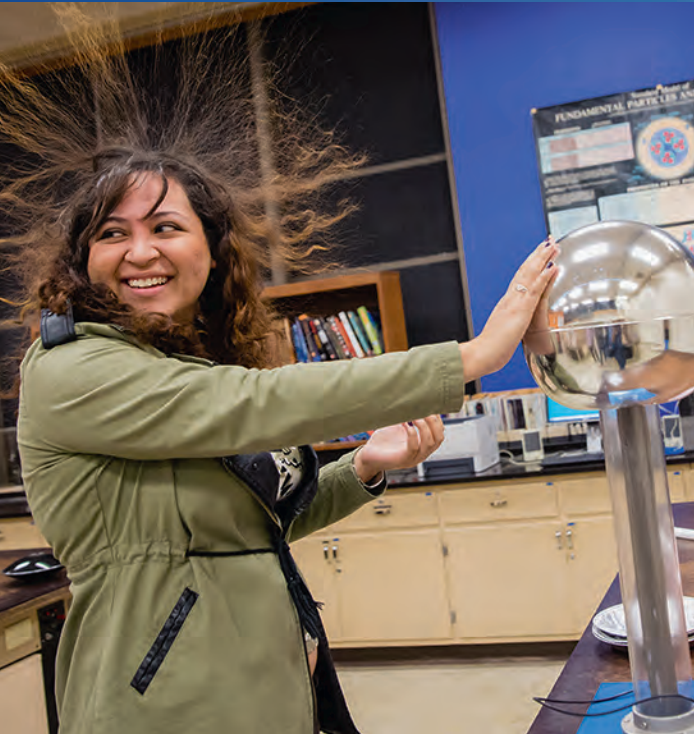


"I had a brief opportunity to experience the old Student Services building three years ago when I joined the DVC administration, and there is quite a difference between what we had then and what we have now. We were working in one of the oldest buildings on campus, and our offices were grouped along a long hallway. DVC's new Commons building, with its glass front and physical layout, is an improvement for both students and staff. There is an opportunity for offices to be better connected, and for creating services that are convenient for students. With the completion of the new Hospitality Studies and Food Court wing, and the interior bridge connection, the building has become a much livelier place. The new Quad makes everything come together—the Bookstore, Performing Arts Center, stage area, and Student Union. There is a buzz; students are here, day and night. It's an amazing experience for students to be on campus now."

**Newin Orante, Ed.D.**, Vice President, Student Services, Diablo Valley College

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