

## Press Release

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## Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee 6th Annual Report

MODESTO, CA – The Yosemite Community College District's (YCCD) Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee's (CBOC) 6th Annual Report was presented to the YCCD Board of Trustees at their October Board meeting by CBOC member Jeff Phillips. The Annual Report, as well as minutes, agendas and supporting documents can be viewed on the CBOC website at <u>www.yosemite.edu/bond</u>.

According to YCCD Chancellor Dr. Joan Smith, "Even though we have had to endure large budget cuts in the community college system, we have benefited from very competitive bidding in our bond projects."

"In the past year at Columbia College, we celebrated a new state of the art Science and Natural Resources building, Child Development Center and Public Safety Center. At MJC, we recently opened the newly renovated Founders Hall, are holding classes in a new Allied Health building, and look forward to the Science Community Center and Ag Pavilion. None of these facilities would have been available to our students without the support of the voters," said Smith.

That support refers to YCCD's Bond Measure E passed in November 2004 - a \$326.1 million bond measure for improvements at Columbia College, Modesto Junior College, and the expansion of college education sites. As of June 30, 2011, expenditures totaled \$174,576,284. The current Chair of the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee, Frank "Del" Hodges, added that "the CBOC believes that Measure E funds are being transformed into facilities that will enhance our community for generations to come."

## Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee Membership

The primary function of the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee is to inform the public regarding the use of these public bond funds, to review expenditures and to prepare an Annual Report.

The current members (and affiliations) are:

Chair – Frank "Del" Hodges (Taxpayers Assoc) Vice-Chair – Matthew Rolicheck (At Large) Verle Bartels (At Large) Mark Heinzinger (At Large) Lyndi Love (At-Large) Mike Sharif (MJC Student) Lee Delano (Business Organization) Billie Taylor (Senior Citizen Organization) James West (College Support Org.) Jeff Phillips (At-Large)

## Positions open on CBOC

Applications currently are being accepted for vacancies on the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee. In addition to a "Columbia College student" vacancy, one additional position is available due to term limits in the category of "College Support Organization" member.

Forms can be obtained from the YCCD Chancellor's Office by calling (209)575-6960 or downloading an application at <a href="http://www.yosemite.edu/bond/committee/">http://www.yosemite.edu/bond/committee/</a>.