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YOSEMITE COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT Modesto Junior College & Columbia College

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## **YCCD Elects Mike Riley as New Board Chair**

MODESTO, CA – The Yosemite Community College District (YCCD) Board of Trustees elected Trustee Mike Riley of Modesto as the new YCCD Board Chair through November 2012 at its annual organizational meeting. Riley has served on the YCCD Board since 2008. He previously had been elected Vice-Chair in 2010, representing YCCD Trustee Area 5, which includes much of Modesto, Ceres and Ripon. Riley succeeds outgoing Chair Linda Flores. The Board also elected Tom Hallinan to serve as Vice Chair. Hallinan was first elected to the Board in 1996.

In other action, Trustee Linda Flores was appointed to serve on the Association of Stanislaus County School Boards and Trustee Abe Rojas was appointed to serve on the Valley Insurance Program/Joint Powers Agency Board of Directors.

The YCCD covers a 4,500 square mile area and serves a population of over 625,000, encompassing all of two counties (Stanislaus and Tuolumne) and parts of four others (Calaveras, Merced, San Joaquin, Santa Clara). The District's two colleges, Modesto Junior College and Columbia College served over 30,000 students (unduplicated headcount) in the 2010-11 academic year. Board meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month, with open session generally beginning at 5:30pm.



Mike Riley



Tom Hallinan