



## Measure E Bond and Meeting History

The two colleges of the Yosemite Community College District (YCCD) are Modesto Junior College and Columbia College. For the 2004-05 academic year, 32,295 students (17,179 full-time equivalent students) were enrolled.

On November 2, 2004, voters in the YCCD approved a \$326.1 million general obligation bond for the repair, upgrade and new construction of Modesto Junior College and Columbia College facilities and the expansion of college education centers. The bond funds are to be used to improve campus safety, renovate classrooms, laboratories and career/technology centers, improve technology infrastructure and repair overcrowded and deteriorating buildings.

Soon thereafter, the District formed a Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee (CBOC) to satisfy accountability requirements of Proposition 39. The District Board of Trustees appointed the committee after reviewing many applications.

This committee has three essential functions: 1) to inform the public regarding the use of public funds, 2) to review expenditures, and 3) to prepare an annual report.

Quarterly public meetings are held at various sites within the District. YCCD staff are present and available to answer questions regarding the progress and current work being done on the Bond Project.

In reviewing the expenditures the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee receives a report from the District on approved projects, but does not have the authority to dictate to the

District which projects to approve – that was done by the voters, when the bond measure was passed.

Each year, the CBOC will prepare an Annual Report to decide whether or not the District is in compliance with the law by reporting CBOC activities during the previous year. The CBOC's first organizational meeting was held on May 10, 2005 in the YCCD board room on Blue Gum Ave. in Modesto, California. At this meeting the committee received the By-laws and were briefed on the roles and responsibilities of each member by bond attorney David Casnocha. At this meeting, Luis Molina was appointed chair of the Committee.

The second meeting of the CBOC was held on July 6, 2005 at the YCCD board room on MJC West Campus. This was our first public meeting as a committee, with a published agenda. Deborah Campbell, YCCD Controller, stated that a sample spreadsheet for reporting bond expenditures could be set up for the committee. She welcomed committee feedback.

Mark Newton from Kitchell, the program management firm, reported that a selection process was being initiated to identify engineering firms. He also stated that no construction projects had been set as of yet.

Chair Luis Molina requested the committee begin discussing how the group was going to inform the public of Measure E progress. The committee decided to work with the District to distribute information to the local media.

The October 5, 2005 meeting of the CBOC was held at Columbia College. Chair Molina distributed samples of annual reports to the committee. A sub-committee was formed to prepare the annual report. Also, Chair Molina arranged for meetings to be held at different sites throughout the District. A desire to tour the different facilities in the District was expressed.

With regard to land purchases, Mr. Steve Madison advised the District to be conscious of rising land costs and that donations of land would be beneficial.

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### Letter from the Chair

As Chair of the Yosemite Community College District's (YCCD) Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee, it is my pleasure to introduce the first Annual Report of the Measure E Bond



Luis Molina

program. Measure E was approved by YCCD's voters in November of 2004. YCCD is comprised of voters in all of Stanislaus and Tuolumne counties and portions of Calaveras, San Joaquin, Merced and Santa Clara counties.

The \$326.1 million bond measure provides funding for improvements at both Modesto Junior College (MJC) and Columbia College. It also provides funding for the development of educational centers in Patterson, Oakdale, Angels Camp and Turlock. Recently, you may have heard about current renovations taking place at MJC and Columbia College, or maybe the donation of land in Patterson for a West Side Center. In less than ten years, new, upgraded and expanded facilities will be completed which will mark a new era for our area community colleges.

Much of the first year of the bond measure was spent on developing a foundation for future activities. The highlights in 2005-06 include:

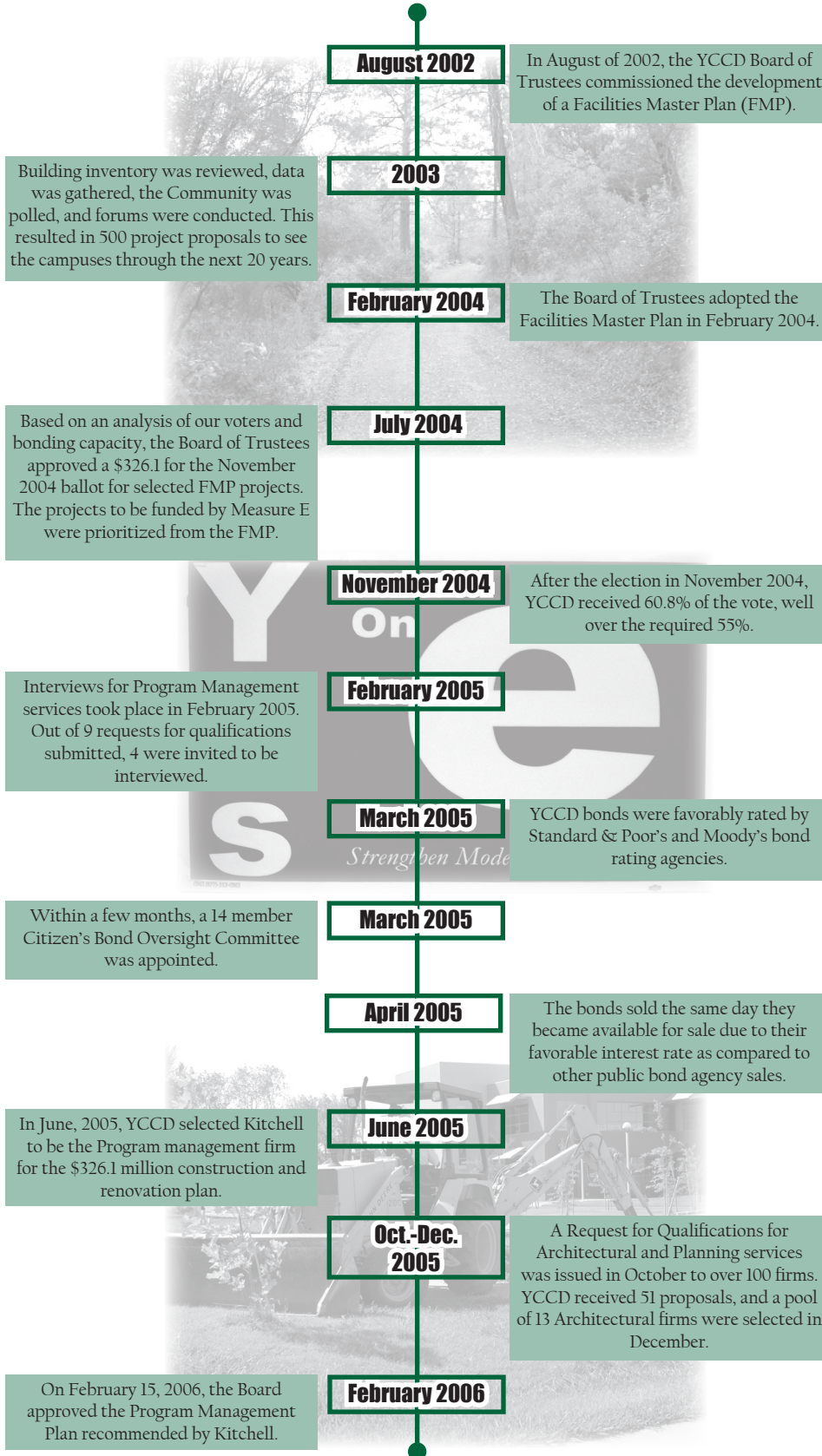
- Quick Start projects at Columbia College including parking lots and emergency access road.
- Donation of a site in Patterson for the MJC West Side Center.
- MJC Auditorium restoration and expansion project in the bidding phase.

I am also pleased to announce that the first audit of the Measure E Bond program resulted in an opinion that the YCCD is in full compliance with all provisions of the bond measure. We are pleased to highlight this result as well.

Our committee holds quarterly meetings to monitor the progress of the YCCD Measure E Bond program.

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# Measure E Timeline



## Highlights from Kitchell, our Bond Program Management Firm

### Program Update

The Measure E Program Management Plan was Board approved on February 15, 2006 with revisions made on February 23, 2006.

The program, which was originally planned as a four-phase, twelve-year effort, has been reduced to a three-phase, nine-year plan. This significantly reduces the impacts of inflation. Each project is looking towards growth and how best to enhance the instructional environment.

The pool of Pre-Qualified Architects was Board approved on December 14, 2005.

Request for Proposals for the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) was issued and is under review/approval process.

### Program Description and Approach

Phase I of the Measure E Bond Program for Columbia College includes a significant portion of the total work planned for the campus, including quick start projects, the Child Development Center, the Science Natural Resources Center, an addition to the Public Safety Building and a modernization and expansion of the Madrone Building.

For Modesto Junior College, it includes major capital improvement projects on both east and west campus. These include the Allied Health Building, the Agricultural Complex (Instructional Building, Greenhouse, Living Units, Pavilion and Animal Units), the Student Services Building, the new Parking Structure and the new Softball Field Complex.

Concurrent with the development of the designs for the first projects, the colleges have engaged LPA Sacramento for Columbia College and BFGC for Modesto Junior College to assist in determining the long-term vision of the campuses to support growth in the most sustainable and environmentally sensitive way.

These efforts will include:

- Site Determination
- Sustainability Guidelines
- Pedestrian/ Vehicular/ Service Vehicle circulation
- Infrastructure Plan
- Site Accessibility
- Design Guidelines

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On January 4th the committee met in the MJC staff dining room. Janice Nelson provided a public comment on Columbia College's transportation deficiencies. She stated that the committee could get input from Dr. Jim Riggs, President of Columbia College, and other county/local authorities on that topic.

A presentation was then given to the committee by Maria Baker, Director of Facilities Planning and Operations, and Mark Newton on the construction process. It was explained that the construction process was comprised of eight steps:

- 1) 5-year State Construction, 2) Initial Project Plan, 3) Final Project Plan, 4) Preliminary Plan, 5) Working Drawings, 6) Bidding, 7) Construction, 8) Closeout.

Maria Baker added that YCCD pre-qualifies architects and contractors. She explained that the projects go out to bid on a monthly basis.

-Debbie Paffendorf

## From the Chancellor

"This bond could not have passed without the support of the community. On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I would like to thank those who worked for the passage of the bond and the individuals who voted for it.

I would especially like to thank the many organizations and individuals who endorsed this measure. We deeply appreciate the public's support of the Yosemite Community College District. Passage of this bond will ensure that we continue to offer quality training and educational programs to the nearly 30,000 students that we serve."

-Dr. James H. Williams, Chancellor

## Current & Projected Projects

### Phase I Projects (2005-2007):

<u>Location</u>	<u>Project</u>	<u>Budget (estimated)</u>
Modesto Junior College – East Campus	Parking Structure	\$11,965,000
Modesto Junior College – East Campus	Student Service Building	\$9,691,928
Modesto Junior College – East Campus	Auditorium Renovation/Addition	\$7,000,000
Modesto Junior College – West Campus	Agriculture Instructional Bldg & Greenhouse	\$19,227,443
Modesto Junior College – West Campus	Agriculture Modular Living Units	\$1,289,194
Modesto Junior College – West Campus	Allied Health & Life Sciences Building	\$27,552,751
Modesto Junior College – West Campus	Softball Complex	\$285,192
Modesto Junior College – Turlock, CA	Turlock Educational Center	\$1,000,000
Modesto Junior College – Patterson, CA	West Side Educational Center	\$5,375,000
Columbia College	Bus & Truck Service Loop	\$185,000
Columbia College	Parking Lots (3)	\$1,733,726
Columbia College	Public Safety Center	\$1,402,000
Columbia College	Secondary Access Road	\$828,274
Columbia College	Madrone Building	\$1,246,000
Columbia College	Child Development Center	\$6,294,000
Columbia College	Science & Natural Resources Building	\$18,899,000
Columbia College – Oakdale, CA	Oakdale Educational Center	\$1,000,000
District-wide	Capital Outlay Debt Services	\$17,000,000
District-wide	Scheduled Maintenance	\$10,000,000
Total Phase I Projects:		\$120,009,508

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### Columbia College Update

Design meetings for Child Development Center, Science & Natural Resources, Madrone, and Public Safety will begin with the project committees.

Design meetings for Agriculture-Instructional, Allied Health, Parking Structure, and Softball Complex will begin with the project committees.

### Modesto Junior College Update

A visioning exercise giving MJC East and West Campus a clear identity while considering the best educational program locations was created:

#### Vision Statement

*Modesto Junior College and all its sites are educational and community centers that represent a thriving and fully integrated comprehensive institution providing instruction and services for student success.*

-MJC Measure E Coordinating Committee

### Budget Update

Expenditures ending 4/30/06 are \$18,180,276.21, which includes Capital Outlay Debt Service of \$14,435,000.00 and Scheduled Maintenance of \$2,500,000.00.

### Schedule Update

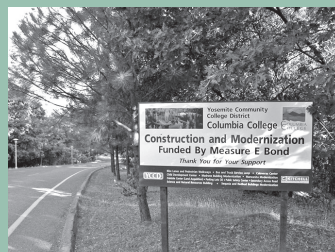
The program schedule which breaks down the project schedules by design, bid, and construction will be updated on an as needed basis and will be reported when changes occur. Phase I projects are currently underway.

-Kitchell, CEM

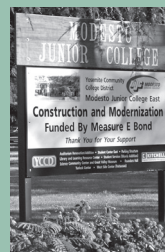
## Sign of the times

Have you seen the signs on the Campuses of MJC and Columbia Colleges? They are letting you know that your Measure E money is being used for the Community's educational advantage.

### Columbia College



### MJC West Campus



### MJC East Campus

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There are currently 14 members representing various constituencies, including taxpayers associations, college support organizations, the business community, senior citizen organizations, college students and several "at-large" representatives. A list of the current membership is found in this Annual Report.

Details of all CBOC meetings can be obtained from our website at <http://www.yosemite.edu/bond/>. Measure E information, committee information, future meeting dates, committee bylaws and more can be found on this web site.

Our work has just begun, as the first year has been utilized primarily to hire necessary personnel in bond program management and architectural and engineering firms, to get to a point where bidding and construction begins to take place. Numerous necessary steps are taken which require adequate time and analysis to ensure that facilities meet or exceed the expectations of the communities served by the Yosemite Community College District and the standards imposed by the State of California.

Looking ahead to 2006-07 will be an exciting year for the YCCD with additional design meetings with project committees and more construction taking place.

I hope this Annual Report encourages you to become more acquainted with the Measure E Bond program. We welcome your comments and suggestions and also welcome you to attend one of our quarterly meetings.

Sincerely,



Luis I. Molina, Chair  
Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee

### You're invited!

The community is invited to attend the CBOC's quarterly meeting held in January, April, July, and October of 2006-2007. For meeting time, date, and location, please go to <http://www.yosemite.edu/bond/committee/> then click on "Committee Meetings" or call 209-575-6509.



Members of the CBOC are pictured here touring MJC's East Campus Bond Measure Projects.

## The Current 2006-2007 CBOC Members

<u>Name and (Term End)</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Represents</u>
Nick Cretan (2008)	Columbia	At-large
David F. Geer (2007)	Modesto	Taxpayers Association
Michael Gianelli (2008)	Riverbank	College Support Organization
Gary Hampton (2008)	Oakdale	At-large (Law Enforcement)
Alfie Johnson (2007)	Oakdale	At-large
Dr. John Keiter (2008)	Sonora	At-large
Steve Madison (2007)	Modesto	Business Organization
Luis Molina (2007)	Patterson	At-large
Debbie Paffendorf (2007)	Modesto	At-large
Betty Ann Prescott (2007)	Camp Connell	Senior Citizen Organization
Patrick Sweeney (2008)	Patterson	At-large
Richard S. York Jr. (2007)	Jamestown	At-large
Vacant (2008)	Modesto	Student Rep. MJC
Vacant (2007)	Columbia	Student Rep. Columbia College

### Measure E Bond Program Information is available at your fingertips!

For more information regarding the Measure E Bond, including project details, agendas, minutes, and CBOC information, please visit our website at: <http://www.yosemite.edu/bond/>

### Recognition and thanks go to six CBOC members whose terms ended in 2006:

- Richard Blunt (Modesto, At-large)
- Stan Hodges (Modesto, At-large)
- Rodney Lindsay (Jamestown, At-large)
- Michelle Shelton (Sonora, Community College Student)
- Roy Wasden (Modesto, At-large)
- Les Weidman (Modesto, At-large)

The CBOC for the Measure E Bond confirms that the Yosemite Community College District is in compliance with the requirements of Article XIII A, Section 1(b)(3) of the California Constitution.