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.

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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In August of 2002, the YCCD Board of Trustees commissioned the development of a Facilities Master Plan (FMP).

Building inventory was reviewed, data was gathered, the Community was polled, and forums were conducted. This resulted in 500 project proposals to see the campuses through the next 20 years.

The Board of Trustees adopted the Facilities Master Plan in February 2004.

Based on an analysis of our voters and bonding capacity, the Board of Trustees approved a $326.1 million for the November 2004 ballot for selected FMP projects. The projects to be funded by Measure E were prioritized from the FMP.

After the election in November 2004, YCCD received 60.8% of the vote, well over the required 55%.

Interviews for Program Management services took place in February 2005. Out of 9 requests for qualifications submitted, 4 were invited to be interviewed.

The bonds sold the same day they became available for sale due to their favorable interest rate as compared to other public bond agency sales.

In June, 2005, YCCD selected Kitchell to be the Program management firm for the $326.1 million construction and renovation plan.

On February 15, 2006, the Board approved the Program Management Plan recommended by Kitchell.

YCCD bonds were favorably rated by Standard & Poor's and Moody's bond rating agencies.

Within a few months, a 14 member Citizen's Bond Oversight Committee was appointed.

A Request for Qualifications for Architectural and Planning services was issued in October to over 100 firms. YCCD received 51 proposals, and a pool of 13 Architectural firms were selected in December.

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:


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*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

**Columbia College Update**

Design meetings for Child Development Center, Science & Natural Resources, Madrone, and Public Safety 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 $18,899,000.

**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*
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 website.

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.

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.