Program Management Plan (PMP) Approved and Posted

The Yosemite Community College District Board of Trustees approved the Program Management Plan (PMP) with amendments at their Board meeting on February 15, 2006. The next step is now to engage the assembled team of architects and planners in the individual projects outlined in the PMP. The PMP, completed by Kitchell, is posted on the Measure E website (www.yosemite.edu/bond). The PMP reduces the program from a twelve-year program to nine-years. The Board unanimously approved the PMP.

Outreach Center Update:

West Side Center (Patterson, CA)
The Board of Trustees accepted an agreement with Sperry Road Business Center, LLC regarding a 30 acre donation of land in Patterson for the development of a MJC West Side Educational Center. The agreement calls for free and clear title to the 30 acres, utilities stubbed to the property line and provides bonded deferral for an access road to the site. The Sperry group celebrated the next day with over 100 guests at the site and speeches from the many individuals involved in the process along the way. The Board’s acceptance of the donation agreement starts the process for state approval, which could take 8-10 months.

Construction Update:

A Request for Proposal to provide California Environmental Quality Act services for the bond projects was developed and issued in March.

Columbia College
- Construction of the secondary access (emergency) road is underway. Weather conditions have delayed the project. When weather improves, the schedule will be updated accordingly.
- Bus & Truck Service Loop design is currently under way.
- Campus Planners will be selected by late March. Also, three pre-approved architectural firms will interview with the Child Development and Science Resources Project Committees for their selection.
- Several workshops have been held at Columbia College with an expert in Leadership in Environmental Energy Design (LEED) and as a result sustainability standards are being developed for inclusion into construction specification documents for certain projects.
- Discussion and analysis continues regarding possible sites for the Calaveras Center.
- Measure E Signage is being ordered for each site and anticipated for installation soon at both MJC and Columbia College.
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Modesto Junior College
• The Board approved building a parking structure at MJC’s East Campus versus a parking lot at the site of the baseball field at the February Board meeting. The design team will be selected by the project committee.
• Plans for the MJC Auditorium Project are anticipated to be approved by the Division of State Architect in April, 2006. Current estimate indicates that this project is overbudget by $7 million. A value engineering exercise will occur to attempt to realign the project with the budget prior to taking it to the State Chancellor’s Office for bid approval. The prequalification process for the contractor will be completed by the end of April, 2006.
• A campus planner will be selected by the Measure E Committee in late March, 2006. Also, pre-approved architectural firms will be interviewing with the Allied Health and Agricultural Project Committees for selection.