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## YCCD Elects Pat Dean as New Board Chair

MODESTO, CA – By unanimous vote, Trustee Pat Dean of Sonora was elected the new Yosemite Community College District (YCCD) Board Chair through November 2010. Dean has served on the YCCD Board since 2003 and is the Area 1 representative, which represents Tuolumne and Calaveras Counties and the eastern portion of Stanislaus County. The Board also unanimously elected Desirree Abshire to serve as Vice Chair. Abshire was first elected to the Board in 2006 and is the Area 2 representative, which represents the northeast portion of Stanislaus County, including Oakdale and Riverbank.

The YCCD covers a 4,500 square mile area and serves a population of over 550,000, encompassing all of two counties (Stanislaus and Tuolumne) and parts of 4 others (Calaveras, Merced, San Joaquin, Santa Clara). The District's two colleges, Modesto Junior College and Columbia College served over 23,000 students in Fall 2009. Board meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month, with open session generally beginning at 5:30pm.



Pat Dean



Desirree Abshire

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