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### **YCCD, YFA Meet in Effort to Resolve Labor Impasse**

MODESTO, CA. – Negotiators from the Yosemite Community College District and Yosemite Faculty Association met much of the day Sunday to discuss a state mediator's recommendations to end their labor impasse.

The meeting came four days after mediator Bonnie Prouty Castrey of Huntington Beach issued her fact-finding report. Both sides already have separately concurred with the report, providing the impetus to Sunday's meeting.

Castrey's report is expected to be made public on Dec. 29 after a state-mandated 10-day window for the parties to negotiate privately.

Sunday's meeting took place at the District office in Modesto. YCCD Chancellor Henry Yong and Vice Chancellors Gina Leguria (human resources) and Susan Yeager (finance) represented the District. YFA President Jim Sahlman, Tom Nomof and Dimitri Keriotis represented the union.

It was the first face-to-face meeting between the two sides since Nov. 21. Another meeting is scheduled for Dec. 30 in an effort to reach an agreement.

The YCCD and YFA began negotiating in December 2015. The most recent contract expired in June 2016. It covers 299 full-time and 426 part-time instructors at Modesto Junior College and Columbia College, who collectively teach nearly 25,000 students.

The District hopes the unanimous support of the fact-finding report recommendation will assist the parties to conclude negotiations and refocus on student success, enrollment and their shared mission.

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