

**MINUTES**  
**YOSEMITE COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**FIVE HUNDRED AND TENTH REGULAR MEETING**  
**August 8, 2007**

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The meeting was called to order by Board Chair Pat Dean at 3:30 p.m. Trustees then recessed to closed session for the purpose of discussing the following closed session agenda items:

- Discussion:
1. Pursuant to G. C. Section 54957  
Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Appointment
  2. Pursuant to G.C. Section 54956.8 – Property Negotiator  
Conference with real property negotiators
  3. Pursuant to G. C. Section 54957.6 - Conference with Labor Negotiators  
District Representatives: D. Wirth, T. Scott, G. Rose  
Employee Organizations: CSEA & YFA

The Board of Trustees reconvened to public session at 5:30 p.m. in the YCCD Board Room, Yosemite Community College District. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag preceded formal Board action.

Board Members Present	Pat Dean Anne DeMartini Abe Rojas Tom Hallinan Linda Flores Desirree Abshire Paul Neumann ( <i>departed at 6:45 p.m.</i> ) Elbert James (student trustee)
Board Members Absent	None
Others Present	R. Darnell, J. Smith, D. Wirth, T. Scott, G. Rose, R. Rose, N. Stavrianoudakis, D. Baggett, T. Nesmith, L. Hoile, K. Schultz, J. Sahlman, J. Swank, B. Crow, D. Bunce, S. Spaulding, K. Walters-Dunlap, C. Mical, D. Darnell, G. Railey, M. Kennedy, M. Newton and S. Akiona (recorder).
15,612 Report Out From Closed Session	None.
<i>Unagendized Introduction</i>	Chair Dean introduced the new Chancellor, Dr. Roe Darnell. Dr. Darnell's spouse Donna Darnell was also present and was introduced by Chair Dean. Dr. Darnell thanked Donna for her support as he takes on the new role of Chancellor at the District.
15,613 Appointment of Secretary to the Board	With the conclusion of Dr. Hodges' term as Interim Chancellor, an appointment to the position of Secretary to the Board is

needed. On behalf of the Board of Trustees, Chair Dean

appointed Dr. Darnell as Secretary to the Board.

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Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Trustee Rojas and seconded by Trustee Neumann that the Board of Trustees approve the minutes of the regular meeting on July 11, 2007.

The motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

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Student Activity Reports

MJC Faculty member Ann Lowry introduced Bill Jones, interior design student and former MJC faculty member. Mr. Jones led the 25 member student team that participated in the Designers' Showhouse at the Whitmore Mansion in April. The Showhouse is an annual fundraising event that benefits Community Hospice. Mr. Jones conducted a PowerPoint presentation for the Board demonstrating the interior design transformation of the attic space of the Whitmore Mansion by MJC's student team. The students donated over 2000 combined hours to accomplish the design project. Over \$15,000 in donations of goods and services from community businesses and individuals helped to create the Asian Inspired Retreat in the mansion's attic. The Mansion welcomed over 5,000 visitors, raised \$120,000 for Hospice, and was a great tool to market the Interior Design Program and Modesto Junior College. Trustee DeMartini commented that she attended the event and the student Asian Retreat was fabulous.

Donald Bunce, ASMJC representative, reported that the Executive Committee is conducting training sessions; ASMJC will have a table at Institute Day; and ASMJC will host a Back to School Barbeque for students. Trustee DeMartini commended Mr. Bunce for his journalism work with the school newspaper, the MJC Pirate's Log. Trustee Neumann wished success on all ASMJC activities in the upcoming year.

There was no report from ASCC.

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Academic Senate Reports

Kathy Schultz, Columbia College Academic Senate President, reported that she was able to attend the SLO Institute and Curriculum Institute hosted by the State Academic Senate and reported that recent changes in Title V will have effects on curriculum. Four faculty are attending the Math Across the Curriculum program in Seattle, Washington. Colleges were selected to attend based on an application process. The information gathered will be shared as part of the Basic Skills Initiative activities. Four days of staff and faculty training is scheduled for next week. An all staff work day is scheduled for

August 17<sup>th</sup> at Baker Station. An academic wellness fair is planned for In-Service Day. Academic Senates at both

colleges are working with Human Resources to produce recommendations to update the equivalency policy and procedure. The Senate is also developing mentors for the new faculty that are joining the college this fall. Ms. Schultz thanked Dr. Roe Darnell for his recent visit to Columbia College.

Jim Sahlman, MJC Academic Senate President, stated that he is looking forward to working with college and District administrators this coming year and expressed appreciation for Curtis Martin, Past President, for his service to MJC faculty. MJC Senate is in support of the change to CurricuNet. The Senate has reviewed the draft accreditation report. A request has been made from the Valley Charter High School Program to help align curriculum to help students become ready for college. The goal is to create a model program. A college Leadership Council has been created by President Rose and the Senate supports the goals of building constituency relationships across campus to move the college in a positive direction together. The senate is preparing for new faculty orientation for the Fall semester. Mr. Sahlman reiterated that Title V changes have a strong focus on basic skills and will affect curriculum. The Senate will be focusing on faculty training and course development and is looking forward to a great year.

Trustee Hallinan inquired as to anticipated hot issues for the upcoming year. Mr. Sahlman responded that implementation of Title V changes will be at the forefront.

## **REPORTS & INFORMATION**

### **ITEMS**

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#### **Activities and Announcements**

MJC Offers "Jam n' Jive"  
Dance Concert

MJC President Richard Rose reported that Jam n' Jive, an evening of jazz and hip hop dance, will be offered by the Dance Department, in collaboration with Modesto City Schools dance programs, on September 13, 14, 15, 20, 21 and 22 at 7:30 p.m. in El Capitan, West Campus. Tickets will be available at the door, \$10 general admission and \$8 for students and seniors.

MJC Pirates TV

MJC President Rich Rose reported that the Television and Film Department announced the premiere of two student-produced television programs. "The Good, The Bad and The Unexpected" showcases the best creative films and videos produced by MJC students. The program, hosted by student Alexia Brooks, features short films ranging from 30 seconds to 20 minutes. The second show, "You've Got Issues," is a talk

show produced and directed by students in the Advance Television Production class. Subjects covered in the first month included Modesto Sister Cities International, Global

Warming in the Central Valley and College Students and their Issues. Both shows are part of the new PTV - Pirates Television Hour airing on Wednesday nights, 8 - 9 p.m. on Comcast Cable's Channel 26.

MJC Foundation Summer Sonata

MJC President Richard Rose reported that the 11<sup>th</sup> annual Summer Sonata was an outstanding success. The event was held on July 20<sup>th</sup> at the home of Lars and Sabrina Enevoldsen. The meal was catered by O'Brien's Market, and over 225 guests attended. A special tribute was made in memory of Mr. Ernest Gallo for his tremendous contributions to the MJC Foundation over his lifetime. One of Mr. Gallo's final acts was to request that "in lieu of flowers" contributions be sent to the Foundation's Ernest and Julio Gallo Scholarship Fund. To date, this request has led to over \$250,000 worth of contributions. Over 100 students, faculty and staff donated their time to this event.

MJC Classified Staff Appreciation Breakfast

MJC President Richard Rose reported that the annual MJC President's Classified Staff Appreciation Breakfast will be held on Wednesday, August 22, 7:30 a.m., at the Ag Patio, East Campus. Administrators will cook omelets for classified staff and a brief program will begin at 8:00 a.m. The event is attended by MJC and Central Services classified employees, and provides an opportunity to say thank you to classified staff members for their hard work in support of students. Trustees are invited to attend.

MJC Fall Institute Day

MJC President Richard Rose reported that MJC will kick-off a new academic year at Fall Institute Day on August 24 in the Mary Stuart Rogers Student Learning Center on West Campus. The program begins at 8:30 a.m. and will include remarks by President Rich Rose, Chancellor Roe Darnell, and Director of Security Becky Crow, as well as a presentation of the Purdy Awards and ADA Award. The morning will be highlighted by keynote speaker T. Marni Vos addressing "*Success in Learning with Laughter.*" Lunch and breakout sessions will be held between 12:30 – 3:20 p.m. Trustees are invited to attend.

Columbia College Fall In-Service

Columbia College President Joan Smith reported that Fall In-Service will take place on Thursday, August 23. A continental breakfast will be available at 8:15 a.m. in Aspen 1, followed by the All-College meeting at 8:45 a.m. in the Dogwood Forum. An Academic Wellness Fair will run from 10:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., with lunch immediately following. Afternoon sessions will consist of Area/Division meetings, Academic Senate meeting, and Classified Senate meeting. Trustees are invited to attend.

Columbia College Dean's List

Columbia College President Joan Smith reported that Columbia College named 118 students on its Dean's List for the Spring 2007 semester. The Dean's List acknowledges full-time students, who have achieved a cumulative 3.5 G.P.A. or better

with no grade lower than “C” and at least 12 completed units of work in associate degree-applicable courses. By cities, Sonora residents ranked the highest with 49 on the list, followed by Murphys with 7, Tuolumne with 6, and the cities of Columbia, Groveland, Jamestown and Soulsbyville with 5 each.

Xtreme Reg at Columbia College

Columbia College President Joan Smith reported that X-Reg or Xtreme Reg will make all enrollment and support services available for new incoming students on August 11 and 24. Registration materials, orientation, assessment, advisement, financial aid, textbook purchases, and student ID card processing will be open for the students, who can select one of the two dates to attend. The “one-stop shopping” approach is intended as a shortcut to enrollment before the start of the Fall semester.

Oakdale Needs Assessment Project

Columbia College President Joan Smith reported that the final report of the Oakdale community needs assessment research project will be presented on Thursday, August 9, 10:30 a.m. – noon, in Buckeye 3, at Columbia College. The results will be presented by Steve Murrill of Meta Research. Interested parties are invited to attend.

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Presentations/Updates  
Enrollment Update

Dr. Smith reported that Columbia College experienced 5% growth from 2006-2007, a large portion of that increase came from early summer. A 2% growth for 2007-2008 is anticipated. Columbia College expects to raise that projection with aggressive enrollment strategies. A good year at the college is expected.

President Rich Rose introduced Dean George Railey to provide the enrollment report for MJC. Dean Railey reported that MJC registration experienced a 15% increase in applications processed from February to July this year. Enrollment increased because of priority registration, the new SmartStart program; and New Student Early Registration. MJC continues to rollback, but at a lower rate and has set a goal of no rollback enrollment by Spring of 2008 with a growth target of 2%.

Chancellor’s Short-Term Goals

Chancellor Roe Darnell presented his statement of the Chancellor’s Immediate Goals for discussion and review. Dr. Darnell reported that these goals were presented to Trustees and members of the District Administrative Council with a

request for suggestions for revision. Dr. Darnell has met with members of the Leadership Team, classified leadership and faculty leaders regarding District processes and needs. The goals being presented for discussion have been revised as a result. Dr. Darnell also reported that he has met with the

editorial boards from a few local papers and hopes to be able to meet with all on a regular basis. Dr. Darnell has attended many college and community events since his arrival in mid-July and is working on building strong relationships with the colleges and community. He asked that the Board evaluate his progress on the identified goals in a few months. Dr. Darnell is looking forward to serving the Board, the colleges, the students, and the community.

#### Bond Update

Kitchell representative Mr. Mark Newton provided the Board with updates on the progress of current Bond projects.

**Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee:** The committee's next quarterly meeting will be held on October 3, 2007, at 6:00 p.m., in the YCCD Board Room.

**Columbia College:** *Pinyon:* Child Development has moved to the new location. Final connections and finish work are proceeding on schedule. *Child Development Center:* The project is scheduled to be submitted to the State for review late this year and bid in Spring 2008. *Science and Natural Resources:* The project is proceeding, with a scheduled submission to the State in Summer 2008, and bid in Fall 2008. *Public Safety Center:* The project is currently in the construction document phase, and will bid in Spring 2008. The *Madrone* project is proceeding into construction documents, and is expected to bid by the end of this year.

**Modesto Junior College:** *Planning:* The revised Facilities Master Plan has been provided to the Board by BFGC and will be discussed at a future meeting. The *Science Community Center* committee continues to meet to discuss process and programs. The committee will add a Great Valley Museum member. *Agricultural Complex:* Site demolition is complete. The site development package has bid and will proceed for the next three months. The *Housing Units* have bid and been awarded. The *Ag Multi-Use Pavilion* committee has met to discuss revised budget and scope. The *Parking Structure* Architect has completed the schematic design phase and is working on the first cost estimate for construction. The *Auditorium* project is 50% complete, and proceeds on schedule and within budget.

*MJC Allied Health:* Mark Newton presented drawings to the Board of the exterior of the building. There will be a modern look to Allied Health, with a transparent style. The building is designed as a "tilt up", which is an economical construction design. The Allied Health project will share a site with the new Science and Great Valley Museum project to create a new

focal point on the West Campus.

**Calaveras Educational Outreach Site:** An analysis of comparable sales is being prepared by the Measure E team, as a predecessor to recommendation for acceptance or a counter offer to the land owner. **Oakdale Educational Outreach Site:** An analysis of the educational program needs is being completed. The Measure E team has begun negotiations to determine building lease cost. **West Side Outreach Site:** The revised parcel map has been accepted by the planning commission and is proceeding forward. **Turlock Educational Outreach Site:** Various properties are being considered for a future location.

In response to inquiry by Trustee DeMartini, Mr. Newton will provide the Board with information regarding possible savings and other implications of building under the Field Act as compared to the new building standards as a result of proposition 1D. Chancellor Darnell reported that regulations are being developed at the government level and a comparison between both standards would be helpful to identify potential savings.

**ACTION ITEMS**  
**Consent Agenda**  
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A motion was made by Trustee Rojas and seconded by Trustee Hallinan, that the Board approve all items appearing on the Consent Agenda, as amended as follows:

Purchase Orders

Approve purchase orders issued from June 1, 2007, to June 30, 2007.

Acceptance of Gifts

Accept with appreciation the following gifts:

- a. Donation of 20 Aluminum Art Easels from Marlys Hanson & Associates for use in the Columbia College Arts Program.
- b. Donation of 50 pounds of crushed garnet blasting material from Edwards Heat Treating Service to be used in the Machine Tool Technology program at Modesto Junior College.
- c. Donation of \$50 from Mary Williams for use in supporting the Child Development Center at Columbia College.
- d. Donation of labor hours for log splitter and a tool box from Holt of California to be used in the Beckwith Instructional Laboratory walnut orchard at Modesto Junior College.

Project Applications/  
Amendments

Authorize the Yosemite Community College District to submit the following project applications/amendments **(Report #2231)** and to enter into a contract with the appropriate donor agencies when the projects are selected for funding:

- a. Child Development Division/California Department of Education – MJC & CC  
Agency share: \$3,266.00

Proposer share: \$ -0-

Notice of Completion of Contract

Accept the work performed by L&B Environmental, Inc., on the Student Housing Site Demolition, Modesto Junior College West Campus, Bid #07-1577, as having been completed in accordance with the plans and specifications, and authorize final payment of \$2,231.70 to be made.

Special Appointment - Smith

Approve the appointment of Dr. Joan Smith to serve as a member of the ACCJC evaluation team visiting Cabrillo College on October 8-11, 2007.

Special Appointment - Scott

Approve the appointment of Teresa Scott to serve as a member of the team that will conduct an accreditation evaluation for Cabrillo College, October 8-11, 2007.

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Personnel Items

Grant retirement status to **Brenda Robert**, Division Dean, Literature and Language Arts, Modesto Junior College, effective December 31, 2007, and officially commend her for 10 years of valuable service to the District.

Accept the retirement of **Bhan Chandra**, Admissions & Records Technician III, Admissions & Records, Modesto Junior College, effective September 1, 2007, and officially commend her for 32 years of valuable service to the District.

Accept the retirement of **Carol Heintz**, Administrative Secretary, Arts, Humanities & Communications, Modesto Junior College, effective December 1, 2007, and officially commend her for 16 years of valuable service to the District.

Approve the administrative appointment (interim) of **Judith Lanning** to the position of Dean of Science, Mathematics & Engineering, Modesto Junior College, effective August 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008.

Approve the temporary appointment of **Jennifer Wool** to the position of Instructor of Speech, Arts, Humanities & Communications, Modesto Junior College, effective for the 2007-2008 academic year.

Approve the temporary appointment of **Tammy VandenBosch** to the position of Instructor of Speech, Arts, Humanities & Communications, Modesto Junior College, effective for the Fall 2007 semester only.

Approve the promotional appointment of **Carol Ellis** to the position of Admissions & Records Technician III, Admissions &



Records, Modesto Junior College, effective September 1, 2007.

Approve the promotional appointment of **Shirley Miranda Brenes** to the position of Support Staff II, TRIO – Student Support Services, Student Success, Modesto Junior College, effective August 1, 2007 (11 month work year).

Approve the promotional appointment of **Ken Ciabatti** to the position of Maintenance I, Facilities Planning & Operations, Yosemite Community College District, effective August 1, 2007.

Approve the probationary appointment of **Kelly Foster** to the position of Campus Security Dispatcher (40%), Campus Security, Yosemite Community College District, effective July 23, 2007.

Approve the probationary appointment of **Valerie Bell** to the position of Interpreter for the Deaf III (50%), Disability Services, Modesto Junior College, effective August 9, 2007, contingent upon funding (9 month work year).

Approve the probationary appointment of **Jessica Costa** to the position of Campus Security Dispatcher (40%), Campus Security, Yosemite Community College District, effective July 30, 2007.

Approve the probationary appointment of **Randy Moring** to the position of Maintenance III – Painter, Facilities Planning & Operations, Yosemite Community College District, effective August 1, 2007.

Approve the probationary appointment of **Cynthia Vlahov** to the position of Support Staff II, Vocational Education, Columbia College, effective August 13, 2007.

Approve the probationary appointment of **Jennifer La Core** to the position of Secretary III, Media & Technology Services, Modesto Junior College, effective August 1, 2007.

Approve the probationary appointment of **Oralia Gonzalez** to the position of Bookstore Cashier (60%), Auxiliary Services, Yosemite Community College District, effective August 1, 2007.

Approve the voluntary reduction in assignment for **Ingrid Johnson Keriotis**, English Instructor, Literature & Language Arts, Modesto Junior College, from 50% to 0%, effective for the Spring 2008 semester only.

Accept the voluntary unpaid leave of absence of **Rebecca Plaza**, Outreach Coordinator, Student Services, Modesto Junior College, effective October 2, 2007 to December 20,

2007.

Approve a temporary increase in assignment for **William Lotko**, Lab Assistant II, Science, Mathematics & Engineering and Technical Education, Modesto Junior College, from 10 to 12 months, effective July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008.

Accept the resignation of **Sharien Hinton**, Learning Disability Specialist, Special Programs/DSPS, Modesto Junior College, effective July 31, 2007.

Accept the resignation of **Laura Trover**, Custodian, Facilities Planning & Operations, Yosemite Community College District, effective June 25, 2007.

Accept the resignation of **Donald Evans**, Performing Arts Production Specialist, Arts, Humanities & Communications, Modesto Junior College, effective August 9, 2007.

Accept the resignation of **Hannah Lee**, Admissions & Records Tech II, Admissions & Records, Modesto Junior College, effective July 12, 2007.

Accept the resignation of **Alyssa Bahr**, Financial Aid Outreach Recruiter, Financial Aid, Modesto Junior College, effective July 12, 2007.

Accept the resignation of **Jacque Wright**, Child Development Center Associate Teacher, Family & Consumer Science, Modesto Junior College, effective August 16, 2007.

Accept the resignation of **Ronald Cripe**, Fire Science Facility Technician, Community & Economic Development/Fire Science, Modesto Junior College, effective August 2, 2007.

Accept the resignation of **Brenda K. Smith**, Laboratory Assistant II, Science, Mathematics & Engineering, Modesto Junior College, effective August 2, 2007.

Accept the resignation of **Bobbie Jantz**, Administrative Secretary, Criminal Justice Training Center, Modesto Junior College, effective July 31, 2007.

#### Short-Term Appointees

Approve the list of short-term appointees in accordance with recently adopted state law (AB500-Goldberg).

The motion carried with a vote of 6-0.

#### DISCUSSION ITEMS

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#### Discussion Item

Resolution to Establish Tax

On November 2, 2004, voters of the Yosemite Community College District approved the Local Community College Repair

Rate for Bond

and Overcrowding Measure (Measure E) authorizing a \$326 million general obligation bond. Resolution No. 07-08/01 requests that the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors levy a tax for the third series of bonds to be issued during 2007-08 estimated at \$100 million.

*This item was pulled from discussion.* Executive Vice Chancellor Teresa Scott stated that this item is not required at this time as the District will not be issuing more bonds this calendar year. Postponement of the issuance into the next calendar year will lessen taxpayer burden for 2007-2008.

There was no motion and no vote.

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YCCD Negotiations Proposal to YFA

Vice Chancellor of Human Resources Diane Wirth reported that the District submitted its proposal to the YFA as identified in Section 25.2 of the 2007-2010 YCCD/YFA negotiated agreement. The YCCD/YFA agreement has been separated into sections that remain in effect between 2007 and 2010.

A motion was made by Trustee DeMartini and seconded by Trustee Flores that the Board of Trustees accept the YCCD proposal to YFA and conduct a public hearing at the September 12, 2007 Board Meeting.

The motion carried with a vote of 6-0.

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YCCD Negotiations Proposal to CSEA

Assistant Chancellor Gina Rose reported that the District has presented its proposal to CSEA. The current YCCD/CSEA agreement is in effect until June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2008, and until such time parties reach agreement on a successor agreement. This agreement provides that either party may reopen negotiations for a subsequent term.

A motion was made by Trustee Abshire and seconded by Trustee Flores that the Board of Trustees accept the YCCD proposal to CSEA and conduct a public hearing at the September 12, 2007, Board Meeting.

The motion carried with a vote of 6-0.

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**COMMENTS**

From the Public

None.

From the Board of Trustees

Trustee Hallinan stated that as a result of his meeting with Dr. Darnell, he has renewed enthusiasm for the work of the Board and the District and feels the Board made the right choice for Chancellor. Trustee Rojas reported that he attended the MJC Summer Sonata, met with President Smith at Columbia College, and had his first meeting with Dr. Darnell. Trustee

Rojas will be accompanied by Chancellor Darnell and Nick Stavrianoudakis, External Affairs Director, to view a potential outreach site in Turlock. Trustee Abshire thanked staff for volunteering their time at the Summer Sonata. She also thanked Chancellor Darnell and his wife, Donna Darnell, for choosing YCCD. Trustee Abshire thanked students who called her with ideas on the enrollment process. Trustee Flores reported that she attended the TRIO Upward Bound celebration which is always a moving experience to hear student stories. Trustee DeMartini said that she also attended the Summer Sonata, along with Trustee Neumann and other trustees. Trustee DeMartini also expressed her confidence in the selection of Dr. Darnell as Chancellor and enjoyed her meeting with him. Chair Dean reported that she feels the District is fortunate to have Dr. Darnell as its new leader. She also welcomed MJC's new vice president of instruction, Ms. Karen Walters-Dunlap. Chair Dean expressed her thanks to the staff that volunteered at the Summer Sonata and noted that it was a

great expression of our staff's commitment to our students. Student Trustee Elbert James reported that school is starting in two weeks and he is enrolled in 15 units.

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on Wednesday, September 12, 2007. Closed session will begin at 3:30 p.m. and open session at 5:30 p.m. in YCCD Board Room, 2201 Blue Gum Avenue, Modesto.

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

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Pat Dean, Chair  
YCCD Board of Trustees

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Roe Darnell, Secretary  
YCCD Board of Trustees