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LOS RIOS COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT  
**Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee**

March 17, 2005  
Los Rios District Office  
Main Conference Room  
12:00 p.m.

**Minutes**  
(Approved July 21, 2005)

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**Members Present:** Bernard Carlson  
Joe Debbs  
Sharon Margetts  
Robert Trigg  
Donald Haase  
Emily Pappalardo

**Members Absent:** Lorraine Darrington  
Joe Gagliardi  
Thomas Gagen  
Ron Zimbalist

**District**

**Representatives:** Tim Loree, Los Rios Board Member  
Brice Harris, Chancellor  
Jon Sharpe, Deputy Chancellor  
Dave Clinchy, Director, Facilities Planning & Construction  
Paul Dahms, Director, Facilities Maintenance  
Theresa Matista, Associate Vice Chancellor, Finance  
Isolina San Juan, Accountant, Grants & Contracts  
Kim Sayles, Supervisor, Grants & Contracts  
Jennifer Delucchi, Administrative Assistant, Finance & Administration

**Introductions**

Robert Trigg called the meeting to order. All attendees introduced themselves. Jon announced that Emily has been accepted into the Cal Poly in the architecture program. She will remain on the committee through July. Also, Daniel DiMunundo's wife accepted a position in Australia, therefore the committee will need to replace him. Susie Chock-Hunt is the recommended replacement and will be presented to the Los Rios Board of Trustees for approval.

**Approval of Minutes**

The November 18, 2004 meeting minutes were not approved as there was not a quorum. They will be placed on the July agenda for committee approval.

## REPORTS

### Budget Update

Jon provided an update on the Governor's proposed budget for California's community college system. Jon distributed a handout from the Community College Facility Coalition (CCFC) indicating that the proposed budget reflects the Board of Governor's 2005-06 capital outlay project request. As part of this request, Los Rios will receive funding for three projects totaling \$16,429,000. The projects to be funded are the Fine Arts Instructional Building at FLC; the North Gym Building Modernization at SCC; and the Police, Print and Office Building Modernization at CRC. The District should also receive funding for one project at each campus in the 2006-07 fiscal year. The statewide total for 2005-06 is \$262.5 million. Los Rios' share is 6.3%. Jon noted that the amount allocated to Los Rios far exceeds our proportionate share for the State. Chancellor Harris indicated that there is a proposed legislative bill that would authorize the next issuance of bonds for K-12 and community colleges. A dollar amount has not been determined yet, but we know it is moving forward.

Jon also distributed a communication from the Chancellor sent to all District employees on January 10th regarding the Governor's proposed budget. Some of the most important highlights of the proposal for community colleges included: no enrollment fee increases; funding for 3% enrollment growth (this could provide the District with as much as \$9 million if we hit our growth targets); a COLA funded at 3.93% (which would provide our District with approximately \$7.9 million); no funding for equalization; \$20 million in statewide funding for Economic Development; and \$31.4 million set-aside for district level accountability. Joe Debbs asked if the District has any formal dialog with the Governor regarding the budget. Brice replied that the administration is difficult to communicate with because they have a vision and have so many people interested in talking to them; however, the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office is able to communicate with them. Jon added that Dave Clinchy serves on the Community College Facility Coalition (CCFC), which has been very helpful to our District, as well as given us an opportunity to help the statewide system. He noted that the Legislative Analyst's Office (LAO) is a helpful resource also. In response to Joe's question about the criteria used for selecting the colleges to receive funding, Jon replied that funding is based on several factors including: cap loads, number of students, local contribution, design of your proposal (based on what you already have and what your needs are). Two major measurements are enrollment and local funding contribution (need is also taken into consideration). Trustee Tim Loree said when state funds become available, the District is ready to act with projects waiting in the pipeline.

Jon announced that the Board of Governor's approved Natomas as a Center. This is typically a three year process. The rapid approval is a tribute to the work that was done establishing that there was a need. Once the District receives final approval from California's Postsecondary Education Commission (CPEC) for Center Status (Phase II), we will receive State funding (Phase I is funded out of bond funds).

### Review of Expenditures

Theresa Matista presented a summary of the Measure A bond expenditures through February 15, 2005 and provided an update on bids awarded since the last meeting. To date, a total of \$108.5 million in bond funds has been appropriated (which includes the series C issuance) and \$23.5 million has been expended. Encumbrances amount to approximately \$31 million. The total

change since the March meeting is \$15.2 million. Jon indicated that the District conducted an in depth analysis of the timing of bond issuances, and it was determined that from a taxpayer's standpoint it is better to issue every other year. Therefore, the series C issuance is scheduled for spring or summer of next year. Staff answered questions Bernard Carlson had regarding Hughes Stadium.

Donald Haase asked for clarification of the definition of appropriations. Theresa replied that the appropriation is synonymous with the budget. The District has a \$265 million authorization, which translates to \$265 million in appropriations (budget).

Emily Pappalardo inquired about what happens with swing space (portables) when they have fulfilled their temporary needs. Jon answered that the portables are moved around to accommodate programs as they are needed. It is the District's goal to eventually not have any portables.

### **Project Updates**

Dave Clinchy provided a progress report of all active projects, as well as color photos of several of the projects in their current phase of construction. He reviewed the materials with the committee during the facility tour.

### **Future Meetings, etc.**

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 21<sup>st</sup> at 12:00 p.m. It was proposed that the November meeting, which would normally be held on the 17<sup>th</sup>, be held on December 1<sup>st</sup>. This will be confirmed at the next meeting as to ensure it works with all committee members' schedules.

Mr. Trigg adjourned the business meeting at 1:00 p.m. and a tour of bond funded projects followed. The projects toured were FLC 1B and Bookstore; ARC Learning Resources Center and Allied Health; Natomas Center; and SCC Cafeteria (with a presentation on the SCC TAP Plan).

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