

SAN MATEO COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

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In November, 2001, voters in San Mateo County overwhelmingly approved Measure C which provided \$207 million in funding to update, modernize, and retrofit the three community colleges serving County residents: Cañada College, College of San Mateo and Skyline College. One of the key components of Measure C was the establishment of a Measure C Bond Oversight Committee, composed of community leaders with expertise in finance, accounting, education and local government. The 11-member Committee is charged with the responsibility to assure voters that bond proceeds are expended only for construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation or replacement of College facilities in compliance with the projects listed in the Measure C ballot language, and that no funds are used for teacher or administrator salaries or for other operating costs.

During the past year, the Bond Oversight Committee met quarterly to review the District's bond project plans, timelines and proposed expenditures. At each meeting, the Committee was provided with financial and project plan updates describing the bond-related activities undertaken by the District during the quarter.

The accounting firm of Vavrinek, Trine, Day & Company (VTD) conducted both a financial and a performance audit of the second year bond expenditures and activities. The firm found that the bond fund financial statements present fairly the financial position and results of operations for the fund. As part of a performance audit, VTD reviewed more than 30% of the expenditures in the bond fund for the 2002-03 fiscal year and found that the use of funds was consistent with the stated purposes of the bond measure that was approved by voters. During the 2002-03 fiscal year, the District expended \$16,775,386 of the bond funds and had committed an additional \$22,833,330 for bond projects Districtwide.

The major activities that took place during the past year include:

- Extensive planning, scheduling and campus consultation regarding the scope and sequence of the major bond projects (modernization, new construction, repair) that will take place at all three Colleges. The District has invested a considerable amount of staff time (not funded by the bond) in pre-construction planning and consultation activities in order to assure that bond project funds are efficiently and effectively expended on college improvements that will benefit students for generations to come.
- Completion of Building 22 at Canada College This new 10,000 square foot instructional building was completed using State Capital Outlay funds as well as Measure C bond dollars. Other projects completed at Canada College include: Building 3 (Theatre) modernization (paint, carpets, technology upgrades, ADA compliance, etc); .conversion of existing classrooms to "SMART" classrooms adding new technologies to accommodate new teaching methodologies; and completion of a new ESL Computer lab in Building 6.
- At College of San Mateo, projects include site improvements at the Child Development Center; modernization of the Choral Room in Building 3; hazardous materials abatement and lighting improvements in the Gym; and the KCSM digital television conversion at Sutro Tower.
- At Skyline College; Buildings 2 & 5 exterior were repainted; hazardous materials abatement was completed for Buildings 1 and 2; and the first floor of Building 2 was remodeled and modernized to create the Center for Advanced Learning, which houses two computer classrooms and three open labs available for students in all departments on campus.
- Extensive roadway and parking lot repaving, sidewalk repair and exterior lighting enhancements all three Colleges
- Installation of cogeneration plants at CSM and Skyline College.
- Districtwide energy efficiency projects, including retrofit of all lighting fixtures, installation of cogeneration facilities at the College of San Mateo and Skyline College campuses, and extensive mechanical infrastructure upgrades and repairs.

The Measure C Bond Oversight Committee is pleased with the results of the District's efforts. More detailed information about the College District's bond projects, timelines, and expenditures-to-date are available on the District's web page: smccd.net. From the first page, click on "Facilities Planning and Operations" to find the bond projects list, minutes, agendas and reports considered by the Bond Oversight Committee. If you still have questions or concerns, please contact the Bond Oversight Committee at christensen@smccd.net.

The Bond Oversight Committee invites community members to attend its meetings which are held quarterly at the College District Office, 3401 CSM Drive, San Mateo CA 94402. All meetings are open to the public; meeting dates and agendas are posted on the District web site.

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