

# VENTURA COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

## Citizens Oversight Committee July 11, 2005

### MINUTES

Michael Wesner, Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:12 p.m.

#### **I. Roll Call**

Roll call was taken and a quorum was established.

Committee Members Present: Michael Wesner, Connie Tushla, Don Facciano,  
Kay Wilson-Bolton, Hank Lacayo

VCCCD Administration Present: Mary Anne McNeil

Others Present: Handel Evans, Les Dickey, Diane Stephens, Dr. Gabino Aguirre,  
Bob Borrego

#### **II. Chairman's Comments**

##### **A. Approval of Minutes of April 18, 2005**

The minutes were approved as submitted.

#### **III. Chancellor's Comments**

None

#### **IV. Committee Members' Comments**

Ms. Wilson-Bolton reported that Dr. Lydia Ledesma-Reese, Oxnard College President, was planning to speak to the Association of Hispanic Realtors at the Boys and Girls Club in Oxnard on how to energize enrollment at the District.

#### **V. Old Business**

##### **A. Report of Expenditures to Date**

Mary Anne McNeil reviewed the most current Ventura County Community College District Use of Bond Proceeds summary sheets. She noted that the auditors will be here in August and that the audit report will be ready for the next regular meeting of the Citizens Oversight Committee. Mr. Dickey discussed the issue of rising construction costs and the various factors that are driving the costs up.

**B. Updates**

**1. Santa Paula Center**

Mr. Evans updated the committee on the status of the Santa Paula Center, noting that the official name is really the Santa Clara Valley Center. The Board decided to seek off-campus center status from the State for this project, which means that the District must have a site and at least 500 FTES (full-time equivalent students). If approved as a separate “center,” the State would fund this facility separately from the other campuses. Mr. Evans reported on the possible land donation from Limoneira and explained the District’s intention for future use of this property, if acquired. He also noted that Ventura College would be responsible for the courses scheduled there, but would be receptive to input and suggestions from the community.

**2. Conejo Center**

Mr. Evans reported that Moorpark College and the Conejo Valley Unified School District are still discussing this, however, progress has been slow. It is the responsibility of the CVUSD to address the environmental issues first.

**VI. New Business**

**A. Update on Bond Program**

Mr. Dickey updated the committee on the current status of the bond projects.

**B. Actions Taken by the Board Involving Bond Funds (since last meeting)**

*(Report provided in agenda packet)*

**C. Next Meeting Date**

Monday, October 10, 2005, 3 p.m., DSC conference room

**D. Student Representative**

Mr. Wesner reported that Evan Hess, the student representative on the Citizens Oversight Committee, has resigned. He asked Mr. Evans to follow-up with the Chancellor and Board on naming a replacement.

**E. Lawsuit with County**

In response to Mr. Wesner’s request for an update on the lawsuit with the County of Ventura, Mr. Evans reported that it has been tolled until the end of January 2006, at which time the Supreme Court should have ruled on a similar lawsuit between the City of Marina and Cal State.

**F. FTR International**

Mr. Evans also reported that the FTR arbitration will begin next month with an expected positive outcome.

**G. MC LRC**

The Moorpark College Learning Resources/Telecommunications Center should be completed within two weeks and open for the Fall semester.

**H. Project Labor Agreement**

Mr. Lacayo reported that Bob Guillen, Ventura County Building and Construction Trades Council, has retired.

**VII. Public Speakers**

Dr. Gabino Aguirre and Mr. Bob Borrego were in attendance. Dr. Aguirre addressed the Committee regarding the Santa Clara Valley Center (the Santa Paula Center). He expressed his interest and that of the community in the quality of educational programs to be offered at the Center and expressed the hope that they would not be solely vocational, but would also offer coursework which, when accomplished, would lead on to other avenues of higher education.

Dr Aguirre expressed his support of a formal community college presence in the Santa Paula area and also expressed his concern that the funding identified by Ventura College and the District be conserved to effectuate this presence. Dr Aguirre further expressed his hope that collaborative partnerships could be established with other sectors of education in maximizing educational opportunities to the people of the area.

Mr. Wesner asked that the issue of moving bond money from one project to another be agendaized for the October meeting.

**VIII. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 4:12 p.m.