BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND DISTRICT STAFF
VISIT EASTERN SIERRA CENTER

On October 2, 2003, the members of the Board of Trustees and District administrators visited the Cerro Coso Community College Eastern Sierra Center, Bishop. Following a luncheon with community members and a tour of the new facility, the Board and administrators participated in the dedication ceremony of the new building. The following day, the Trustees and administrative staff visited the Cerro Coso Community College Eastern Sierra Center, Mammoth. The Trustees and staff attended a continental breakfast with community members and then participated in a dedication ceremony of the new building.

Both dedication ceremonies included comments from and recognition of College staff, community members, representatives of Southern California Edison and the Los Angeles Water Department, and those individuals who played a major role in the process from the beginning to the culmination of the new buildings.

The Architect firm of The Addington Partnership and the construction project manager, Columbo Construction, were commended for the design and completion of the two new beautiful buildings.

ADOPTION OF THE FINAL BUDGET, 2003-04

Mr. Thomas Burke, Assistant Chancellor, Administrative Services, presented the proposed Final Budget for 2003-04, stating that the Budget was based upon the State budget adopted on August 2, 2003. He stated that compared to the May Revise budget, the District has seen significant improvement in its projected income from the State. The enacted budget increased the General Fund from the May Revise by a total of $3.3 million unrestricted and $880,000 restricted for a total of $4.2 million. He reported that the State Chancellor’s Office is forecasting a potential 5% reduction in January 2004.

Mr. Burke highlighted the following significant increasing costs impacting the District’s unrestricted budget: Health and Welfare Costs, $1.6 million; PERS retirement contributions, $1.3 million; Workers’ Compensation rates, $507,000; and faculty salaries, $2.9 million.

Mr. Burke highlighted the key budget assumptions which have been incorporated into the Final Budget. He shared copies of a comparison of the tentative and adopted budgets and the allocation document.

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ADOPTION OF THE FINAL BUDGET, 2003-04
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Mr. Burke recommended re-evaluating and redistributing adopted budget funding to ensure meeting the 50% Law requirements; and to develop plans to meet the projected 5% mid-year reduction and/or District projected shortfall of $4.5 million for 2004-05. Mr. Burke also shared a two-year summary of key budget adjustments to maintain overall District-wide budget balance.

APPROVAL OF ACCREDITATION MIDTERM REPORTS

The Accreditation Midterm Reports for Bakersfield College, Cerro Coso Community College, and Porterville College were approved by the members of the Board. The Reports will be submitted to the Accrediting Commission before October 15, 2003.

CHANGE IN BOARD MEETING DATE

The Board of Trustees approved changing the Board meeting date of December 11, 2003, to December 4, 2003.

PERSONNEL ITEMS

The Trustees approved the employment of the following classified personnel staff members:

BC -- Lisa Horton, Teaching Assistant, (Porterville College) effective July 1, 2003
Evette Lara, Financial Aid Assistant, effective September 8, 2003

DO -- Julia Gonzalez, Accounting Technician II, effective September 15, 2003
Kathleen Howarth, Payroll Technician II, (from Bakersfield College) effective October 1, 2003

The Board members accepted the request to resign from the following classified personnel staff members:

BC -- Jerry Alvarado, Custodian I, effective September 12, 2003
Perry Brodgon, Facility Custodial Coordinator, effective September 4, 2003
Suzanne Lewis, Educational Trainer, effective September 20, 2003
Grace Saenz, Tutor, effective September 2, 2003

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Next Regular Meeting: November 6, 2003
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