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## President's message

### Moratorium On New Campuses



Frank Gornick, Chair

The Governor's Budget for 2012-13 looks pretty good for community colleges at the introductory stage; however, it is largely dependent on the passage of a tax increase proposal in November. Absent passage of that proposal the community colleges will continue to be squeezed along with all other education entities.

it would be a good strategy to impose a moratorium on the establishment of new colleges and centers until the community college funding level returns to the 2008-09 fiscal year level. Without such a moratorium, the funds available for colleges will continue to be diluted and the educational program offering statewide will become increasingly

In order to live within the amount of funding that is likely, we believe

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## Stormwater Permits Coming To Community Colleges

If no special consideration is granted due to community college budget constraints, community colleges will be subject to substantial costs within the next year to comply with storm water permits and requirements imposed by the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB).

At the present time, the SWRCB is planning on subjecting all public education agencies to small MS4 Storm Water Permits. After Fred Harris met with Chief Deputy Director of the SWRCB, Jonathan Bishop, the following actions are all possible:

1. Adopt the full permit requirement as proposed for education agencies.
2. Adopt a more limited scope permit that only requires for this permit cycle the following priority control measures:
  - Post-Construction Storm Water Management in New Development and Redevelopment.
  - Pollution Prevention/Good Housekeeping.
  - Public Education & Outreach.
3. Require K-14 to plan in this

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## Solar PV Net Metering Installations May Become Subject To Net Metering Charges

San Diego Gas & Electric applied to the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) for authority to assess a network use charge. Currently, a network use charge is applicable only when a customer consumes power from the grid. The proposal would allow utilities to assess a network use charge on both power imported from and exported to the grid.

A customer importing 15,000 Kwh and exporting 5,000 Kwh in a month under current rules would be subject to a net distribution charge of 10,000 Kwh. Under the proposal that customer would be subject to a 20,000 Kwh distribution charge. Other utilities have expressed an interest in this proposal before the PUC, so an authorization would likely increase the cost of operation for all solar PV installations.

Some exemptions may apply to education installations. Districts considering a solar PV installation should probably hold off until this issue is resolved by the PUC. The new costs could be substantial and erase a substantial portion of the benefit of a solar installation. On January 18, Commissioner Ferron at the CPUC ruled that SDG&E's proposed Network Use Charge (NUC) was "outside the scope" of the current SDG&E rate design proceeding.

The NUC is not necessarily dead. The ruling discussed the commissioner's concerns about the legality of the proposed NUC. But Commissioner Ferron did not decide that the NUC would be barred by statute. He ruled only that the current proceeding was not the right place to make that determination.

This leaves the door open for SDG&E, or the other utilities, to file a separate application devoted to whether an NUC, or similar rate structure, can be implemented under current law. SDG&E has testified that current rate structures are "untenable," in terms of cost recovery. Expect SDG&E, at least, to pursue the matter further. ●

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inferior. Many districts are providing instruction for unfunded students. It seems like folly to start funding new centers and colleges while existing districts are serving unfunded students. Another major factor is that according to the 2010 census, the high growth of the past ten years is clearly over.

We will be seeking the Chancellor's Office concurrence on a moratorium policy in order to limit the further dilution of what appears to be a declining revenue source. ●

## No New Community College Projects In Governor's Budget

The 2012-13 proposed Governor's Budget contains no new capital outlay projects for community colleges. However, the Chancellor's Office anticipates that the May Revision may include one project for completion that would be funded from 2006 bond funds. The interim 5-month period will enable the Department of Finance (DOF) to determine the precise amount of community college funds still remaining from the 2006 bond. DOF is limiting funding to projects that are awaiting completion and there is only one such project left that is subject to state funding.

We at CCFC still remain reasonably optimistic that the unemployment situation will trump the State's debt problem and permit an education bond to be placed on the November 2012 General Election Ballot. Polling was conducted by the Coalition for Adequate School Housing (C.A.S.H.) this past summer, which indicated that the public was favorably disposed toward an education measure on the ballot. The difficult part will be convincing the Legislature's leadership and the Governor to allow a measure to be passed. ●

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permit cycle to implement a permit in the next 5-year cycle.

4. Delay implementation altogether for this 5-year cycle.

The SWRCB is a statewide body that sets statewide policy regarding water issues. There are nine regional water control boards that are entirely independent of the state body and are able to implement local water policy outside the control of the SWRCB. Even a delay by the SWRCB would not necessarily be the final word for activist regional boards. ●

# 18th Annual Conference A Success Despite Attendance Decline

The 18th Annual Conference of the Community College Facility Coalition (CCFC) was a success despite continued decline in attendance. The Conference, held at the Sacramento Convention Center and the Sheraton Hotel in Sacramento started with an early bird reception on October 31st and a general session the following morning.

Economist, Nancy Sidhu started the proceedings with an economic outlook that continues to improve. The two areas that are lagging are unemployment and housing. Fred Harris, Assistant Vice Chancellor followed with a survey of the Chancellor's Office and information on upcoming events of interest to community college and associate members.

Following the general session a series of workshops were held in the Convention Center. During the lunch session the winners of the 6th Annual Design Awards were announced.

On Tuesday morning Acting State Architect Chip Smith presented an update on the State Architect's Office. ●

## Thank You Attendees and Sponsors of the 18th Annual Conference

*The participation of sponsors helps lower the cost of the conference to all other members. CCFC thanks the following sponsors of the 18th Annual Conference.*

### Conference Tote Bags

- Gilbane

### Early Bird Reception

- WLC Architects, Inc.

### Breakfast

- gkkworks
- Public Agency Law Group

### Lunch

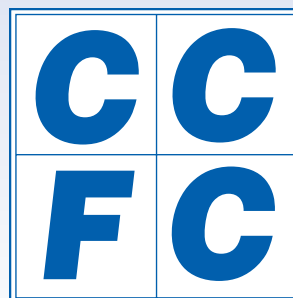
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# Thank You 18th Annual Conference Exhibitors

*The Exhibitors at the Conference also help to lower the costs for other participants. CCFC thanks the following exhibitors at the 18th Annual Conference.*

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## SB 293 Alters Construction Fund Retention Provisions

**S**B 293 (Padilla) was signed by the Governor last fall as Chapter 700, Statutes of 2011. This measure, which was opposed by CCFC and many other local entities, limits the contract withholding to

no more than 5% for contracts entered into after January 1, 2012. Under current law the amount of retention is part of contract negotiations and is usually set at 10%.

The measure does have an exception to the 5% rule if the project is declared to be substantially complex and the awarding entity includes the proposed retention amount in the bid documents. ●

# *Congratulations to the* 6th Annual CCFC Design Award Winners Announced at 18th Annual Conference

## Campus Completion

### Award of Excellence

Three Stages at Folsom Lake College  
Los Rios Community College District  
LPAS

### Growth

#### Award of Merit

Center for Student Success, Norco College  
Riverside Community College District  
Harley Ellis Devereaux

## Master Planning

### Award of Merit

Mt. San Jacinto Community College  
District-Wide Master Plan  
Mt. San Jacinto Community College District  
LPA, Inc.

## Modernization

### Award of Excellence

Old Administration Building, Fresno City College  
State Center Community College District  
ELS Architecture & Urban Design

### Award of Honor

Cypress College Student Services Center  
(New and Renovated)  
North Orange County Community College District  
tBP/Architecture  
Flewelling & Moody

## Project in Design

### Award of Honor

Los Angeles Valley College Monarch Student  
Center  
Los Angeles Community College District  
LPA, Inc.

### Award of Honor

College of Alameda Building C&D  
Peralta Community College District  
Steinberg Architects

## Governor Appoints Chester "Chet" Widom As State Architect

**G**overnor Brown appointed Chester "Chet" Widom as State Architect in early December 2011. Mr. Widom, of Los Angeles, served as senior architectural advisor to the Build Los Angeles Community College District from 2009 to 2011. He was partner at Widom, Wein, Cohen, O'Leary, Terasawa from 1964 to 2008. Mr. Widom was a member of

the executive committee of the Los Angeles Unified School District Bond Oversight Committee from 2010 to 2011 and a member of the Hospital Building and Safety Board from 2004 to 2010. He was a commissioner for the Los Angeles Planning commission from 2002 to 2004 and a commissioner for the Building and Safety Commission for the city of Los Angeles from 2000 to 2004. He was elected to

the Los Angeles Charter Reform Commission, where he served from 1998 to 2000. He was the national president of the American Institute of Architects in 1995.

Mr. Windom succeeds Chip Smith who has been acting State Architect since the resignation of Dave Thorman in 2009. ●

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## Membership

CCFC is a statewide coalition composed of community college district facility planners, architects, developers, financial institutions, attorneys and consultants.

Our major purpose is to advocate for adequate State and local revenues for facility construction and to provide comprehensive information regarding community college construction and funding issues. Our highest priorities are:

- Increasing the funding level provided for community college capital outlay.
- Modifying the approval process to permit quicker approval and construction of needed facilities.

- Providing information to districts regarding changes and new requirements in the approval process.
- Identifying alternative funding sources for community college facilities.

It is our aim to include as many colleges as possible as members of the coalition, as well as those business entities that are involved in the community college facility

process. With the membership of college presidents, facilities specialists and business entities, we believe a formidable alliance can be forged.

We believe membership in this coalition is important to your facility program.

For more information about joining CCFC, please visit our website at [www.caccfc.org](http://www.caccfc.org) or call the CCFC office at (916) 446-3042. ●

### Fee Schedule

**Community College Districts**  
*(based on your Full Time Enrollment)*

0-4,999	\$ 550
5,000-14,999	\$ 825
15,000 +	\$1,100

**Organizations**  
Corporations, including private companies and consultants

\$ 600

Affiliated Organizations  
(other government agencies)

\$ 550