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## **NEWS**

### **Coast District Trustees Select Hirsh to Lead Human Resources for Multi-College District**

*Former Navy Captain appointed Vice Chancellor of Human Resources beginning July 1, 2010*

Costa Mesa, Cal. – At their recent meeting, the Board of Trustees appointed Deborah Hirsh as Vice Chancellor of Human Resources for the Coast Community College District. Hirsh will begin as Vice Chancellor on July 1, 2010.

Hirsh has over 20 years of human resources experience, including many years in the United States Navy. Most recently, Hirsh served as the Senior Associate Vice Chancellor of the Los Angeles Community College District.

"Ms. Hirsh's experience as a leader in human resources is extensive," said Board President Jerry Patterson. "She has been recognized for her strategic revitalization of human resource practices within large educational institutions. The Board is impressed with Ms. Hirsh's record of organizational and collective bargaining accomplishments," Patterson continued.

"Coast Community College District with its three leading edge colleges enjoys a national reputation for its people and for excellence in providing innovative educational programs," Hirsh said. "I am thrilled for the opportunity to join CCCD's executive team to help in realizing the District's exciting vision for the future."

"Ms. Hirsh will bring new perspectives from her vast human resource experience, not only from other school districts but also from her lengthy military career," said Dr. Ding-Jo Currie, Chancellor. "With our significantly reduced staff next year, Ms. Hirsh has much work ahead of her in providing the necessary leadership for our three colleges and the district site. We look forward to having her start in July."

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Hirsh earned an MBA from California State University, Stanislaus and a BA in Anthropology and Physics from the University of Colorado.

Hirsh currently serves as the Interim Senior Vice Chancellor for Human Resources at the Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD). As the chief human resources officer, Hirsh provides leadership for operational human resources as well as labor negotiations. Hirsh has also worked as a dean of students for the U.S. Navy.

The Coast Community College District is headquartered in Costa Mesa and is the ninth largest district in the country. The District's three colleges - Coastline Community College in Fountain Valley, Golden West College in Huntington Beach and Orange Coast College in Costa Mesa - serve over 60,000 students each year providing traditional degree and transfer opportunities, career and technical training, basic skills, English as a Second Language and other community programs.

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**Editors: Photo of Ms. Hirsh attached.**

