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**NOTICE**

**Board Considers Cost Saving Measures at Special Meeting**

The Coast Community College District Board of Trustees will hold a special meeting on Wednesday, June 10 at 5:00p.m. to study budget options for the 2009-10 fiscal years. The Board will once again consider saving measures recommended by the District Budget Advisory Committee, which is headed by Acting Chancellor Dr. Ding-Jo H. Currie.

This is second study session scheduled for the Board. At a meeting on June 3, the Board studied the options to reduce the District's 2009-10 operating budget by at least \$5 million. The suggestions included freezing all hiring, moving to a 4/8 summer workweek and retirement incentives.

Details of the recommendations are expected to be presented and once again the Board has asked to hear from constituent representative groups on behalf of the District's faculty, staff and managers.

Board President Jim Moreno says the study sessions are crucial to the Board's decision making process. "It cannot be overstated that the state's budget crisis will have a horrible impact on our colleges and students," Moreno stated. "The budget proposals from Sacramento change daily, but the one thing that remains constant is that they will inflict a lot of pain for our students, faculty and staff. We cannot be in denial as we try to manage this moving target of a budget and gear up for more devastating cuts in 2010-11."

The Governor has proposed \$825 million in cuts to the state's community colleges for the coming year. The Coast Community College District will account for over \$20 million of those cuts. The state has also proposed specific cuts, including the elimination of the CalGrant program and a per unit fee increase for students, from \$20 to \$60. Enrollment is expected to skyrocket as students are turned away from California State Universities and University of California institutions and displaced workers and returning Veterans enroll in classes to obtain new skills.

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 and community programs.

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