

# Community Connection

FY 2015-16

## Public Report from Peralta's Independent Eyes on Measure A

**T**he 2006 passage of Peralta Colleges' \$390 million Measure A bond continues to improve and rebuild Peralta's educational and administrative buildings, grounds and infrastructure. Bond proceeds also acquire furnishings and equipment, and purchase and rehabilitate real property to expand much needed educational facilities. Measure A expenditures are overseen and publicly reported by the Citizens' Oversight Committee which provides for transparency and public accountability in the use of these funds.

### Measure A Audits

**P**eralta's appropriate handling of the bond's financial management and performance compliance with legal requirements has been consistently confirmed through independent audits conducted by Vavrinek, Trine & Day Co. LLP, CPA's. An annual Financial Statements Audit examines fiscal management and reports by the District's Finance Department. Performance Audits determine whether expenditures were made in accordance with bond requirements, state law and the District's legal dictates and policies.

As in prior years, the 2015-16 audits affirm that the District continues to be in compliance with mandated legal and accounting requirements. No material deficiencies were uncovered in the Financial Audit and the Performance Audit concluded that funds were appropriately spent only on voter-approved projects.

*"Voter passage of Measure A enables the Peralta Community College District to continually upgrade and modernize our facilities. Our goal remains to deliver state-of-the-art education and provide our students, faculty and staff with a highly productive working environment."*

*– Michael Mills, Committee Chair*



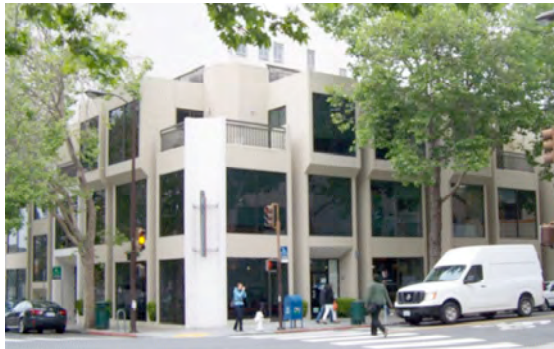
Barbara Lee Center for Science  
and Allied Health dedicated at  
Merritt College in November 2015



# Measure A

## progress at Peralta

Educational facilities throughout the entire Peralta District continue to be renewed thanks to voter delivery of \$390 million in the form of Measure A bonds to be sold. As of June 30, 2016, bond sales have generated \$325 million and \$14,465,779 has been earned in interest. Of that, \$283,242,938 has been spent, \$106,004,788 committed or encumbered and an available bond balance of \$9,640,159 remains. Here are a few FY 2015-16 highlights...



**May 2015**

2118 Milvia St., acquired  
Berkeley City College, \$4,052,033

### **Berkeley City College**

Functions and preliminary design for the recently acquired Milvia St. property have been defined through a multi-faceted collaboration of future building users, with priority attention given to life, fire and seismic safety issues. Building modernization, with expected State Architect approval in Fall 2017, will provide spaces for classrooms, student programs, faculty offices, a bookstore, lounge café and a student health center.

### **College of Alameda**

The new Center for Liberal Arts, the first entirely new permanent campus facility in 25 years with expected completion in December 2019, will include classrooms, student gathering spaces, art and apparel design labs, faculty and administrative offices, a faculty lounge and an art gallery. The entirely East Bay-headquartered team chosen to design and build the Center aims to meet or exceed the District's goal of 25% SLBE/SELBE participation.

### **Laney College**

Construction of the Building Efficiency for a Sustainable Tomorrow (BEST) Center, with a Spring 2017 completion, will put the District in the forefront of sustainable building education. Demand is growing for technicians who can ensure building performance that is comfortable, and reliable, and which also reduces environmental impacts and carbon footprints. The 4,257 square foot facility includes, classrooms, a meeting room and building technology teaching laboratories.

### **Merritt College**

The Barbara Lee Center for Science and Allied Health, a new 110,000-square-foot building, was dedicated in November 2015. The Center will focus on STEM education in more than 20 science teaching laboratories, 16 general-purpose classrooms, and 50 faculty offices and associated spaces. The building was constructed on time and on budget with 49% of the construction work performed by small and local contractors.



**Spring 2017**

Building Efficiency for a Sustainable Tomorrow  
Center (BEST), projected completion  
Laney College, \$6,550,331



December 2019 Center for Liberal Arts, projected completion  
College of Alameda, \$42,077,545

## In progress and in the pipeline

### ■ Berkeley City College

Milvia campus buildout and improvements . . . . . \$12,000,000

### ■ College of Alameda

New Center for Liberal Arts . . . . . \$42,077,545  
(\$3,973,597 from earlier Measure E)  
Library HVAC Study and Modernization . . . . . \$613,839  
Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment . . . . . \$656,867  
Information Technology . . . . . \$1,175,283

### ■ Laney College

Library and Resource Center . . . . . \$51,097,000  
*(contingent on State matching funds  
and earlier Measure E contribution)*  
BEST Center . . . . . \$6,550,331  
Title IX Women’s Athletic Locker Room Improvements . . . . . \$2,600,000  
Information Technology . . . . . \$851,947

### ■ Merritt College

Parking Lot G . . . . . \$700,000  
Campus-wide Signage . . . . . \$300,000  
Parking Lot H Survey . . . . . \$14,700

### ■ District-wide

IT Server Room HVAC and Reconfiguration . . . . . \$750,000

## MEASURE A EXPENDITURES

### Colleges in the Drivers’ Seat

Through a Board-approved process, the majority of projects were defined, prioritized and approved by each college and adopted by the Board of Trustees in the Integrated Educational and Facilities Master Plan. This plan allows periodic review by each college and defines a campus-based process for expenditure restructuring within each college’s approved allocation.

Prior to the Integrated Plan’s adoption, a small amount was spent to fix pressing health-and-safety situations and deliver badly needed technology equipment to the four campuses.

### Total Measure A Funds – Allocated and Available

As of June 30, 2016 in rounded numbers, \$283 million of the \$390 million bond has been spent and \$5.5 million encumbered. An additional \$106 million is committed (projects approved and awaiting contracts or state matching funds). \$14.5 million in interest has been earned on bond proceeds. The original bond amount plus interest earned has delivered a total of \$404,465,780 for Measure A projects.

	Spent	Encumbered	Committed	Available
Berkeley City College	\$16,622,385	\$1,178,869	\$7,616,763	\$0
College of Alameda	\$29,541,604	\$546,680	\$39,780,176	\$4,263,691
Laney College	\$84,569,588	\$3,199,015	\$51,816,930	\$2,142,631
Merritt College	\$87,450,831	\$212,058	\$2,418,410	\$1,454,776
Districtwide Projects	\$54,129,679*	\$351,869	\$3,478,632	\$1,624,029
District Administration Center	\$10,928,851	\$89,403	\$893,876	\$930,891
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$283,242,938</b>	<b>\$5,577,895</b>	<b>\$106,004,788</b>	<b>\$9,640,159</b>
Interest Earned	---	---	---	<b>\$14,465,779</b>

\*Allocated adjustment from prior year





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## Measure A Citizens' Oversight Committee



### A Message from the Committee Chair

*Michael Mills*

**O**ur Citizen's Oversight Committee is absolutely committed to delivery of facilities that support educational excellence, promote student success and accommodate faculty and staff needs. We ensure that Measure A monies, approved in 2006 by voters within Peralta's District boundaries, are spent wisely, legally and only on projects determined by the ballot language.

Our charge and responsibility to oversee the bond program and fully inform the public is taken very seriously. We deliver an annual progress report to the public; and to the best of our knowledge, based on current auditor reports and regular reporting by the District, the Committee finds that the Peralta Community College District is in full compliance with the responsibilities described in Article XIII A, Section 1 (b) (3) of the California State Constitution addressing community college districts' bond indebtedness.

All members of the Citizen's Oversight Committee continue to appreciate the confidence you have placed in us.

*Peralta science students >*



### Watching the Money

**D**uring FY 2015-16, the Citizen's Oversight Committee consisted of eight members representing specific interests. Its meetings are open to the public.

- **Committee Members** (photo: left to right)
- Michael Mills, Community-at-Large (Chair)
- Karen Weinstein, Community-at-Large
- Zac Unger, Labor Organization
- Adrien Abuyen, Peralta Student
- Arthur Kurrasch, Taxpayers' Organization
- Debra Weintraub, Senior Citizens' Organization
- John Caner, Business Organization (not pictured)
- Chantal Reynolds, Community-at-Large (not pictured)