

# Henderson to take VVC board president seat

New superintendent/president search underway; bike path discussed

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VICTORVILLE • The Victor Valley Community College District Board of Trustees voted Tuesday to continue the rotational process to elect board officers — effectively making longtime Trustee Dennis Henderson the next board president.

Henderson will replace current President Lorrie Denson. Henderson said he has previously served three times as board president during his 16-year tenure as a member of VVC's governing body.

"Whether or not I'm president again, this board does not want to go back to the way it was," Henderson said, referring to the election process. "It's my turn. I'd like to give it a shot again."

A board president does not hold greater voting authority but functions as a leader in regular board meetings and is a liaison to the other members, Denson and Henderson said Tuesday. The president also suggests items to be added to the board's agenda and regularly attends leadership trainings and conferences.

"I'm willing to do it again," Denson said before the board made its 5-0 vote to maintain the rotation system. "But if Trustee Henderson is willing to work with everyone this year then that's great."

### Search for superintendent/president to begin

The board must select from two consulting firms to begin the search for the new VVC Superintendent/President.

The board voted to table the decision for a special meeting. Dean C. Colli of PPL, Inc. and Dr. Jesus Carreon and Sallie A. Savage of the ELS Group, LLC were the two contenders. Both teams said they would work to complete a search to have the new VVC Superintendent/President in place by July 1.

The current Interim VVC President/Superintendent Peter Allan said previously that he plans to retire after his current contract ends.

### Bike Path from Apple Valley to VVC

Richard Pedersen, Deputy Town Engineer for the Town of Apple Valley, presented the plans and photo renderings of a new Class 1 bike path that will connect to the college from the existing bike path network in Apple Valley. The path will run along the north side of Bear Valley Road between Reata Road and the Bear Valley Road Bridge over the Mojave River, continuing from the bridge to the college entrance at Jacaranda Avenue, according to information from the Town of Apple Valley website.

Construction on the bike path is expected to begin by mid-2014 and be completed in two months, Pedersen said in an email. The project will be funded by a SANBAG Transportation Development Act Grant.

### Comment process may change

An additional board policy change to the public comment process that was discussed at the Oct. 8 meeting was read through for the first time on Tuesday. The alteration would extend the time for the public to submit comment request cards. Per board procedure, the change must go through a second reading at the next regular meeting on Dec. 10 before it can be approved.

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