

VVC

Measure JJ bond committee to discuss progress of projects

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VICTORVILLE – The Victor Valley College Measure JJ Bond Oversight Committee will meet Wednesday to discuss the progress of projects and funds, according to a VVC news release.

Measure JJ, worth \$297.5 million, was approved by voters residing within the community college district on Nov. 4, 2008, according to the VVC website.

The college's Regional Public Safety Training Center that was opened in February 2012 is a product of Measure JJ funding. The state-of-the-art facility offers classes and training in firefighting, EMT and administration of justice and is located 15 miles northeast of VVC.

The Workforce Development Center that was planned for Hesperia but was put on hold pending the sale of bonds when the local economy improves will also be funded by Measure JJ, according to the committee's latest annual report. In addition, the bond measure relieves the college's general fund of at least \$3 million annually to support current training, general education programs and ongoing campus maintenance, according to the VVC website. More than 20 campus buildings have been added, expanded, improved or maintained with these funds.

The college's roadway and parking lot improvements and new energyefficient lighting were also a product of the funding.

Under Proposition 39, VVC's Board of Trustees is required to appoint a Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee to work with the district to regularly review bond spending and to ensure the bond proceeds are expended only for the established purposes. Funds are to be spent on needed repairs, upgrades and new construction projects for the college.

For more information on Measure JJ and VVC's plans for the funds, visit www.vvc.edu/measurejj .