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January 29, 2010

Dr. David Viar
President
American River College
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Dear President Viar:

The Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, Western Association of Schools and Colleges, at its meeting January 6-8, 2010, reviewed the institutional Self Study Report and the report of the evaluation team which visited American River College Monday, October 12-Thursdays, October 15, 2009. The Commission took action to reaffirm accreditation.

The college is commended for its comprehensive, data-driven, and well-articulated planning process; its ability to provide a wealth of research data which informs decision-making; and for the use of program review data to plan and implement improvements.

All colleges are required to file a Midterm Report in the third year after each comprehensive evaluation. American River College should submit the Midterm Report by **October 15, 2012**. The Midterm Report describes resolution of any team recommendations made for improvement, includes a summary of progress on college-identified plans for improvement as expressed in the Self Study Report, and forecasts where the college expects to be by the time of the next comprehensive evaluation.

The college conducted a comprehensive self study as part of its evaluation. The Commission suggests that the plans for improvement of the institution included in its self study efforts be used to support the continuing improvement of American River College. The next comprehensive evaluation of the college will occur during **Fall 2015**.

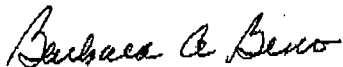
The recommendations contained in the Evaluation Team Report represent the observations of the evaluation team at the time of the visit. The Commission reminds you that while an institution may concur or disagree with any part of the report, the college is expected to use the Evaluation Team Report to improve the educational programs and services of the institution.

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A final copy of the Evaluation Team Report is attached. Please discard any previous versions you may have. Additional copies may now be duplicated. The Commission requires you to give the team report and this letter dissemination to your college staff and to those who were signatories of your college Self Study Report. This group should include the Chancellor, campus leadership, and the Board of Trustees. The Commission also requires that the Evaluation Team Report and the Self Study Report be made available to students and the public. Placing copies in the college library is sufficient. If you wish to have an electronic copy of the Evaluation Team Report, please contact Commission staff.

On behalf of the Commission, I wish to express continuing interest in the institution's educational quality and students' success. Professional self-regulation is the most effective means of assuring integrity, effectiveness, and quality.

Sincerely,



Barbara A. Beno, Ph.D.
President

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cc: Dr. Brice Harris, Chancellor, Los Rios Community College District
Dr. Jane de Leon, Accreditation Liaison Officer
Board President, Los Rios Community College District
Dr. Erlinda Martinez, Team Chair

Enclosure