

TO: BOARD OF TRUSTEES
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INFORMATIVE REPORT NO. 19-2009/10-IR/BS
Prepared by the Office of Vice President Business Services
for Presentation to the Board of Trustees
May 10, 2010

SUBJECT: PURSUING FINANCING AGREEMENT FOR THE SOLAR PROJECT AND PARKING LOT UPGRADES WITH AN OPTION FOR CERTAIN INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY PROJECTS

A. BACKGROUND

In January 2009, Antelope Valley College (AVC) entered into an Energy Audit Agreement with Chevron. Pursuant to the Energy Audit Agreement, Chevron analyzed facilities and equipment on the Antelope Valley College Main Campus (AVC Campus) to determine whether improvements to them and installation of certain energy conservation measures can increase their energy efficiency.

Currently, Chevron is assisting the college in building the Central Plant. AVC would like to pursue a financing agreement to build a 1 megawatt solar photovoltaic parking shade structure along with parking lot upgrades in order to make this project feasible. The energy savings for the Central Plant and Solar Project is estimated at 80%.

In addition to financing the solar project and parking lot upgrades, AVC would like an option to finance certain information technology projects. There is necessary hardware needed in order to accommodate the Banner Cal B upgrade. Without this hardware, AVC will not be able to support the Banner Cal B upgrade, which is tied to our enrollment management and student accounts information technology system. There are also hardware replacements that are needed in order to replace obsolete equipment.

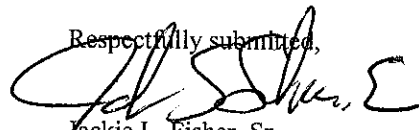
An additional information technology project that AVC would like as an option to finance is the replacement of the District's financial, human resources, payroll and advancement system. Currently, AVC utilizes the Los Angeles County Office of Education (LACOE) PeopleSoft and Human Resources System. Due to funding constraints, LACOE is several versions behind in these systems, making information access a very manual and cumbersome process and estimating difficult. We would like to pursue a financing option to integrate the financial, human resources, payroll and advancement systems by using Banner and expanding our existing enrollment management and student accounts information technology system.

Because the costs for the information technology projects are too costly to incur in a one or two year period, we are requesting that these projects be proposed as an option to the solar financing and parking lot upgrade projects.

B. BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Preliminary estimates for the solar and parking lot upgrades are estimated at \$7,568,692 and \$1,615,657 for the hardware and Banner projects option. Due to the energy savings and incentives realized through the solar project, we will pursue a financing agreement that will result in no additional expense out of the district general fund.

Respectfully submitted,


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