

RANCHO SANTIAGO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

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Agenda for April 17, 2024

1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Zoom Meeting

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3. 2023-24 FTES (P2) Estimated Actuals Comparison to 2022-23 (RECALC) Actuals – *additional handout (due 4/20)*
4. BAM Review
5. Standing Report from District Council – Claire Coyne
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7. Approval of FRC Minutes – March 20, 2024
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Next FRC Committee Meeting: Thursday, May 15, 2024, 1:30-3:00 pm

The Rancho Santiago Community College District aspires to provide equitable, exemplary educational programs and services in safe, inclusive, and supportive learning environments that empower our diverse students and communities to achieve their personal, professional, and academic goals.



COMMUNITY COLLEGE UPDATE

PUBLIC EDUCATION'S POINT OF REFERENCE FOR MAKING EDUCATED DECISIONS

Top Legislative Issues—March 15, 2024

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The Assembly Higher Education Committee, chaired by Assemblymember Mike Fong (D-Alhambra), held its first hearing on 2024 bills this past Tuesday, March 12, 2024, and approved all seven measures that were considered.

The Assembly Higher Education Committee will also meet this upcoming Monday, March 18, 2024, to consider an urgency measure, Assembly Bill (AB) 1887 (Cervantes, D-Riverside). This bill would extend the deadline for financial aid programs administered by the Student Aid Commission by one month from April 2, 2024, to May 2, 2024. AB 1887 is in response to those students who are receiving error messages when they try to fill out their Free Application for Federal Student Aid, or FAFSA, because their parents do not have Social Security numbers. The delay will allow them more time to apply for grants and loans.

The Senate Education Committee, chaired by Senator Josh Newman (D-Fullerton), will hold its first hearing next Wednesday, March 20, 2024, and will consider 16 bills.

After the March 18 and March 20 hearings, there are no other hearings for these two policy committees scheduled prior to the Legislature leaving for spring recess, which begins upon adjournment on March 21. This means the next time these two policy committees meet will be the week of April 1, which is when the Legislature returns from its recess.

Once they do return from spring recess, legislators will only have four weeks to ensure that bills marked as fiscal clear first-house policy committees. Nonfiscal bills have an additional week to meet this deadline.

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Access

AB 2057 (Berman, D-Menlo Park)—Associate Degree for Transfer Intersegmental Implementation Committee. Existing law establishes, until July 1, 2025, the Associate Degree for Transfer Intersegmental Implementation Committee for specified purposes, including to serve as the primary entity charged with the oversight of the associate degree for transfer. This bill would remove the 2025 sunset date and extend the operation of the committee indefinitely. The bill also states the intent of the Legislature to enact future legislation based on recommendations from the committee.

Employees

AB 2328 (Fong)—Classified Employees: School and Community College Districts: Merit System: Disciplinary Action. In a non-merit system district, existing law prohibits disciplinary action against a classified employee for any cause that arose before the employee became permanent, or for any cause that arose more than two years preceding the date of the filing of the notice of cause, unless the cause was concealed or not disclosed by the employee when it could be reasonably assumed that the employee should have disclosed the facts to the employing district. This bill would apply the same prohibition on disciplinary actions against classified employees in merit system districts.

AB 2370 (Cervantes, D-Riverside)—Community Colleges: Faculty: Artificial Intelligence. This bill would prohibit artificial intelligence from being used to replace community college faculty for purposes of providing academic instruction to and regular interaction with students in a course of instruction, and would authorize artificial intelligence to only be used as a peripheral tool to support faculty in carrying out those tasks for uses such as course development, assessment, and tutoring.

AB 2901 (Aguiar-Curry, D-Winters)—School and Community College Employees: Paid Disability and Parental Leave. The bill would require a community college district (CCD) and public school employer to provide up to 14 weeks of a leave of absence with full pay for an employee who is required to be absent from duty because of pregnancy, miscarriage, childbirth, termination of pregnancy, or recovery from those conditions. The bill would authorize the paid leave to begin before and continue after childbirth if the employee is actually disabled by pregnancy, childbirth, termination of pregnancy, or a related condition. The bill would prohibit a leave of absence taken pursuant to these provisions from being deducted from other leaves of absence.

Instruction

AB 2305 (Fong)—Public Postsecondary Education: Community Colleges: Statewide Baccalaureate Degree Program. This bill would require that a CCD be provided with one timeline in which to apply for a baccalaureate degree program, with a total of 30 baccalaureate degree programs approved per academic year, and that a minimum of 45 working days be taken to validate the submitted information and assess the workforce value of the proposed baccalaureate degree program. This bill would also provide that the California State University (CSU) and the University of California (UC) have 45 working days after receipt of the proposal for a baccalaureate degree to submit written objections with supporting evidence, and the chancellor has 45 working days after receipt of written objections to convene with the applicant and the segment or segments that raised an objection to collaborate and establish a written agreement before the program is approved.

Miscellaneous

AB 2407 (Hart, D-Santa Barbara)—Public Postsecondary Educational Institutions: Sexual Harassment Complaints: State Audits. This bill would direct the California State Auditor, by January 1, 2026, and every three years thereafter, to conduct an audit of the California Community Colleges (CCC), CSU, and UC regarding their respective handling and investigation of sexual harassment complaints. The bill would require the audits to evaluate each institution's compliance

with applicable federal and state law in cases where the respondent of a sexual harassment complaint is a student, faculty member, or staff member and determine if each institution's policies and procedures regarding sexual harassment are adequate to prevent, detect, and address sexual harassment.

AB 2852 (Garcia, D-Coachella)—Public Postsecondary Education: California-Mexico Higher Education Development and Academic Exchange Program. This bill would, until January 1, 2031, establish the California-Mexico Higher Education Development and Academic Exchange Program. The program would annually permit up to 400 students who attend the CCC, CSU, or UC to attend universities in Mexico and for 400 students who attend a university in Mexico to attend a campus of the CCC, CSU, or UC. The bill would also establish the California-Mexico Higher Education Development and Academic Exchange Program Fund in the State Treasury to fund the program. The bill would require the program to become operative only upon an appropriation of funds for its purposes.

Student Services

AB 2150 (Arambula, D-Fresno)—Public Social Services: Higher Education. This bill would require a county human services agency to receive input from basic needs directors and basic needs coordinators when developing the protocols for engagement between the county human services agency and institutions of public higher education. The bill would require the Department of Social Services, in consultation with staff liaisons and basic needs directors or basic needs coordinators, to develop training on topics related to determining student eligibility for public social services. The bill would also require the department to convene a workgroup that includes all 58 county staff liaisons and representatives from all segments of postsecondary education.

AB 2821 (Grayson, D-Concord)—Postsecondary Education: Students With Disabilities. Current law requires the CCC and CSU to carry out specified actions regarding state-funded programs and services for students with disabilities. This bill would require the systems for evaluating state-funded programs and services to also provide for the gathering of program costs and budget breakdowns. The bill would require CCDs, instead of the Board of Governors, to carry out the actions regarding state-funded programs and services for students with disabilities at community colleges. The bill would require CCDs and the CSU to provide, as part of existing college personnel onboarding and training, a Disability Access and Compliance Training Program that meets prescribed requirements.

Tuition and Fees

AB 2093 (Santiago, D-Los Angeles)—Community Colleges: California College Promise: Fee Waiver Eligibility and Funding Formula. This bill would extend the term of eligibility of the California College Promise Grant for an additional two academic years for first-time community college students and returning community college students who matriculate into upper division coursework of a community college baccalaureate degree program. The bill would add to the funding formula, for funding appropriated for the program in excess of the funding needed to waive all student fees, the number of students who matriculate into upper division coursework of a community college baccalaureate degree program.

2024 Legislative Calendar—Upcoming Holidays and Deadlines

March 21—Spring recess begins upon adjournment

March 29—Cesar Chavez Day observed

April 1—Legislature reconvenes from spring recess



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Early Action Budget Agreement Reached



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Governor Gavin Newsom, Senate President pro Tempore Mike McGuire (D-North Coast), and Assembly Speaker Robert Rivas (D-Salinas) [announced](#) today that they have reached an early action deal on budget solutions worth \$12-\$18 billion to address the State Budget shortfall. The announcement was not accompanied with any specific details about the deal that was reached, so we will have to wait until further information comes out to analyze the full impact of the agreement on K-14 education.

Late last week, Senate Leader McGuire and Senate Budget & Fiscal Review Committee Chair Scott Wiener (D-San Francisco) released the [Senate Early Action Budget Plan](#) (Plan). McGuire and Wiener estimate that their proposed Plan would reduce the estimated \$38-\$53 billion budget shortfall by over \$17 billion through a mix of program reductions and other solutions, including the adoption of Governor Newsom's proposed use of the rainy day fund.

The only K-14 related provisions of the Plan are to approve the Governor's proposal to reduce the School Facility Program by \$500 million and to approve the Governor's proposal to delay \$550 million for the California Preschool, Transitional Kindergarten, and Full-Day Kindergarten Facilities Grant Program (both funded outside the Proposition 98 guarantee). The Senate's Plan did not directly propose any reductions or deferrals for K-14 education, but includes the "premise that the Proposition 98 funding levels are at the constitutional minimum in both 2022-23 and 2023-24 fiscal years. Otherwise, the shortfall figures grow by around \$15 billion." That said, the document states that they are looking to provide "school funding certainty."

Since the Legislature leaves for spring recess upon adjournment tomorrow, March 21, 2024, legislators will not take action on the agreement until they return in April. It is also important to note that this early action package is just step one of the 2024-25 State Budget process, and its goal is to immediately reduce the shortfall to a more manageable level leading up to the June 15 budget deadline for the Legislature to approve a State Budget.

We will provide more information when we have details of the agreement in a subsequent article. Stay tuned.



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State Revenues Recover Slightly

BY ANJANETTE PELLETIER

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The Department of Finance (DOF) released the March [Finance Bulletin](#), which summarizes tax collections through February 2024, and includes additional, in-depth analysis via the usage of various charts and graphs. Overall, February data shows U.S. inflation continues to slow, with headline inflation up by merely 0.1% to 3.2%, a downward trend of 5.9% from the peak of 9.1% in June 2022. Core inflation, which excludes food and energy costs, declined to 3.8%, and shelter inflation cooled to 5.7% on an ongoing 11-month downward trend. Transportation inflation had a slight increase, up by 1.1% to 2.7% since January 2024. California's inflation rates trail the overall U.S. indicators, with the most recent data indicating California's inflation rate overall was at 3.5% in December 2023 compared to the current U.S. rate of 3.2% in February 2024.

Unemployment rates rose marginally in the U.S. by 0.2%, while California job numbers were impacted by revisions to the timing of recovered job losses and a small increase of 0.1% in California's unemployment. Ten employment sectors in California showed job growth, with only manufacturing recording a small loss of 800 jobs in January. As evidence of the impact of California's employment numbers on the U.S. unemployment trends, 25.4% of the January 2024 growth in nonfarm jobs were in California.

When considering home building and sales, building permits are up by 16.7% since December 2023, and total building permits grew substantially, with single-family permits increasing 56.2% year-over-year and multi-family units increasing 21.1% since December, but down 33.2% year-over-year. Overall, home sales prices in California decreased in January 2024, while home sales increased in year-over-year and monthly comparisons.

In a glimmer of good news, the preliminary General Fund agency cash receipts in February were \$288 million, or 3% higher than the Governor's Budget forecast for February, largely due to withholding receipts. The DOF cautions that single-month readings can be misleading and may be impacted by the timing of compensation and calendar year recording of payments. Additionally, the DOF clarifies the Governor's Budget forecast is from November 2023 and notes that two substantial factors for revenue shortfall are lower estimated personal income tax (PIT) payments and higher corporation tax refunds than anticipated. February PIT revenues exceeded the Administration's budget estimates by \$579 million, or 12.6%. Unfortunately, other taxes continue to trend below forecasts, and currently, 2023-24 year-to-date revenues are short of the Administration's estimates by \$5.6 billion, or 4.3%.

Figure 1: 2023-24 Comparison of General Fund Revenues for Big Three Taxes (Dollars in Millions)

Revenue Source	Forecast	Actual	Difference	Percent Difference	Forecast	Actual	Difference	Percent Difference
February 2024					2023-24 Year-To-Date			
Personal Income	\$4,597	\$5,177	\$579	12.6%	\$80,773	\$76,670	-\$4,103	-5.1%
Corporation	\$269	\$104	-\$165	-9.2%	\$21,775	\$20,631	-\$1,144	-5.3%

Revenue Source	Forecast	Actual	Difference	Percent Difference	Forecast	Actual	Difference	Percent Difference
Sales and Use	\$4,420	\$4,272	-\$148	-3.3%	\$23,176	\$22,829	-\$347	-1.5%

The *Finance Bulletin* includes additional analysis charts, all highlighting the same storyline—a substantial shortfall in revenue. Stay tuned for updates on continuing budget conversations and the impact of the upcoming tax filings in April 2024, which will influence the May Revision and final Enacted Budget.



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CCD Reserve Cap Bill Introduced



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Last week Senator Bob Archuleta (D-Pico Rivera) amended Senate Bill (SB) 1388 into a measure that would put a cap on community college district (CCD) reserves.

SB 1388 would, beginning with the 2025-26 fiscal year, prohibit a CCD's annual unrestricted General Fund balance from exceeding 16.7% of its unrestricted General Fund expenditures. A CCD would be allowed to exceed the 16.7% cap only if it met all of the following conditions:

- Participates in the Part-Time Community College Faculty Health Insurance Program
- Participates in the Community College Part-Time Faculty Office Hours Program
- Has at least 75% of hours of credit instruction taught by full-time instructors

The bill prohibits a CCD to transfer unrestricted General Fund dollars to another fund for the purpose of complying with the reserve cap if the receiving fund has, or the transfer would cause it to have, a balance of 33% or more of the district's unrestricted General Fund expenditures.

If a CCD surpasses the 16.7% cap, and does not meet the three conditions listed above, then the amount that exceeds 16.7% would be proportionally distributed to the nonsupervisory and nonmanagement employees of the district.

The Government Finance Officers Association and the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office recommend districts maintain a minimum of 16.7% for their unrestricted reserves. The 16.7% number has been historically thought of as the floor, or the minimum for CCD reserves. SB 1388 would effectively lock in the 16.7% rate as the ceiling, which would significantly impact districts at a time when the economy is softening, and state revenues are underperforming.

While K-12 school districts have had a cap on their reserves for the past ten years, the mechanism that Senator Archuleta proposes for CCDs is drastically different. Among others, a key difference is that the K-12 reserve cap is only active when the Public School System Stabilization Account, also known as the Proposition 98 reserve, has a balance of at least 3% of the K-12 portion of the Proposition 98 minimum guarantee. Additionally, small school districts (less than 2,500 average daily attendance) and basic aid school districts are exempt from the cap altogether. The K-12 reserve cap also has flexibility for saving resources in specified fund accounts.

SB 1388 has not been referred to a policy committee yet, but it needs to clear the first house policy committee by Friday, April 26, 2024, or it will be considered dead, barring any rule waivers.

We will be watching the bill very closely and will continue to provide periodic updates in our “Top Legislative Issues” series and other *Community College Update* articles. Stay tuned.



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Top Legislative Issues—March 29, 2024

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Both the Assembly Higher Education Committee, chaired by Assemblymember Mike Fong (D-Alhambra), and the Senate Education Committee, chaired by Senator Josh Newman (D-Fullerton), met just once to consider 2024 bills prior to leaving for spring recess.

When the Legislature returns from its recess next Monday, April 1, 2024, only four weeks will remain for first house policy committees to approve bills with a fiscal impact. Nonfiscal bills will have an additional week to clear policy committees.

Both the Assembly Higher Education Committee and Senate Education Committee are slated to meet next week and will meet several more times prior to the April 26 and May 3 deadlines stipulated above.

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[Assembly Bill \(AB\) 2057](#) (Berman, D-Menlo Park)—Associate Degree for Transfer. Existing law establishes, until July 1, 2025, the Associate Degree for Transfer (ADT) Intersegmental Implementation Committee for specified purposes, including to serve as the primary entity charged with the oversight of the ADT. As amended on March 19, 2024, this bill would extend the operation of the committee indefinitely. This bill would require the state to adopt and monitor certain goals that are designed to prioritize closing equity gaps by race and ethnicity in transfer outcomes. The bill would require transfer model curriculum (TMC) drafts to be in place for the high-unit science, technology, engineering, and mathematics pathways of biology, chemistry, computer science, engineering, environmental science, mathematics, and physics for purposes of meeting admissions eligibility to the California State University (CSU) and University of California segments, and other four-year institutions participating in the ADT. Within 18 months of the approval of a new TMC, or the approval of revisions to an existing TMC, the bill would require the California Community Colleges to create an ADT for each adopted TMC. For a student who earns an ADT created under the parameters of a TMC, the bill would require a determination of similarity to ensure that students who earn the ADT are guaranteed admission in that similar major at one of the CSU campuses offering that major, as specified.

Employees

AB 2088 (McCarty, D-Sacramento)—K-14 Classified Employees: Part-Time or Full-Time Vacancies: Public Postings. As amended on March 18, 2024, this bill would require vacancies for part-time and full-time classified positions to be offered for ten business days to current classified employees before a K-14 employer may accept external applications. Internal employees must meet the minimum qualifications for the position at the time they apply, and permanent classified employees in the same classification as the vacancy are prioritized. If an employee reaches the full-time threshold by adding a part-time assignment, then the employee shall be eligible for full-time benefits. The bill does not apply to confidential or management positions, or to employees on a performance improvement plan or involved in formal discipline.

SSC Comment: AB 2088 is a reintroduction of last year’s AB 1699 (McCarty), which was vetoed by Governor Gavin Newsom (see “Classified Vacancies: Version 2.0” in the March 2024 *Community College Update*). In his veto message, Governor Newsom stated, “While I support the author's goal of seeking to provide opportunities for current classified staff to apply for other open positions, this bill may have unintended consequences that are not in the best interest of students. Educational employers and classified staff already have the ability to bargain this issue, and many already have agreements that meet the goals of this bill. Unfortunately, this bill also prohibits future bargaining agreements from implementing their own locally determined process.” Among the differences in AB 2088 compared to AB 1699:

- There are no training requirements for K-14 employees in AB 2088—only internal candidates who meet the minimum qualifications without training at the time they apply for the position are required to be considered with priority
- AB 1699 did not allow for locally bargained alternatives while AB 2088 allows for locally bargained alternatives that waive or modify the requirements in the bill

AB 2277 (Wallis, R-Palm Springs)—Community Colleges: Part-Time Faculty. As amended on March 6, 2024, this bill would require community college districts (CCDs), as a condition of receiving funding allocated for the Student Equity and Achievement Program, to increase the maximum amount of instructional hours that a part-time community college faculty member could teach at a community college from the range of 60–67% of a full-time equivalent load to 80–85%. The bill would require CCDs to commence the negotiation of these terms no later than the expiration of any negotiated agreement in effect on January 1, 2025, and for any CCD that does not have a collective bargaining agreement in effect as of January 1, 2025. The bill would require, in all cases, part-time, temporary faculty assignments to be less than 30 hours per week, consistent with the terms and guidelines of the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

AB 2834 (Rendon, D-Lakewood)—Public Postsecondary Education: Part-Time Faculty. As amended on March 11, 2024, this bill would revise the policy preferences of the Legislature with respect to part-time community college faculty to express the preference that the names of part-time faculty be listed in the schedule of classes and the bulletin of classes offered once they are assigned to a course. The bill also would express all of the community college part-time faculty preferences, as amended by the bill, with respect to part-time CSU faculty.

AB 3106 (Schiavo, D-Chatsworth)—Infectious Disease: Excluded Employees. This bill would require employers to ensure employees who test positive for COVID-19 are excluded from the workforce until the following return-to-work requirements are met:

- 24 hours have passed since a fever of 100.4 has occurred

- Symptoms have improved
- At least ten days have passed since the COVID-19 symptoms first appeared

Employees would receive paid leave until they are able to return to work.

Financial Aid

AB 2500 (Fong)—Public Financial Aid: Application Deadlines: Postponement. As amended on March 19, 2024, this bill would require the Student Aid Commission to grant a postponement of an application deadline for financial aid programs administered by the commission pursuant to a formal request and would authorize the commission to grant, without submission of a formal request, a deadline postponement for certain qualifying events. The bill would instead authorize the commission, on a permanent basis, to delegate the authority to grant a deadline postponement to the director of the commission. The bill would extend the 10-day timeline for submission of a formal request to 15 days, extend the 24-hour timeline for the commission to issue a written notice of a deadline postponement to 48 hours, and would require commission staff to annually report to the commission certain information related to deadline postponements.

State Budget and Education Finance

AB 2076 (McCarty)—California Student Housing Revolving Loan Fund Act of 2022: State Fund Loan. As amended on March 19, 2024, this bill would require the State Controller’s Office to transfer \$200 million to the California Student Housing Revolving Loan Fund from the Surplus Money Investment Fund and other funds in the Pooled Money Investment Account that accrue interest to the General Fund as a cash loan, for purposes of funding, commencing with the 2024-25 fiscal year. The bill would require the loan principal and interest to be fully repaid on or before June 30, 2029.

Senate Bill (SB) 1388 (Archuleta, D-Pico Rivera)—Education Finance: Community Colleges: General Fund Balance. As amended on March 18, 2024, this bill would, beginning with the 2025-26 fiscal year, prohibit a CCD's annual unrestricted General Fund balance from exceeding 16.7% of its unrestricted General Fund expenditures, unless the CCD does all of the following:

- Participates in the Part-Time Community College Faculty Health Insurance Program
- Participates in the Community College Part-Time Faculty Office Hours Program
- Has at least 75% of hours of credit instruction taught by full-time instructors

The bill prohibits a CCD to transfer unrestricted General Fund dollars to another fund for the purpose of complying with the above provision if the receiving fund has, or the transfer would cause it to have, a balance of 33% or more of the CCD's unrestricted General Fund expenditures. If a CCD violates the provisions of this bill, then the amount that exceeds 16.7% shall be proportionally distributed to the nonsupervisory and nonmanagement employees of the CCD.

SSC Comment: We dive deeper into the implications of SB 1388 in our March 2024 *Community College Update* article, entitled “[CCD Reserve Cap Bill Introduced.](#)”

2024 Legislative Calendar—Upcoming Holidays and Deadlines

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Budget Early Action Details Revealed



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Prior to the Legislature leaving for spring recess, Governor Gavin Newsom, Senate President pro Tempore Mike McGuire (D-North Coast), and Assembly Speaker Robert Rivas (D-Salinas) announced they had reached an agreement on an early action plan to reduce the existing budget deficit and better position lawmakers to finalize the State Budget in June (see [“Early Action Budget Agreement Reached”](#) in the March 2024 *Community College Update*).

While an announcement was made, it was not accompanied by specific details of the agreed upon budget solutions. However, two weeks after announcing the deal, Governor Newsom and legislative leaders have finally unveiled the details of the agreement.

The tri-party agreement includes \$17.3 billion in early action solutions to reduce the projected shortfall. The solutions include \$3.6 billion in reductions, \$5.2 billion in revenue and borrowing, \$5.2 billion in delays and deferrals, and \$3.4 billion in cost shifts from the General Fund to other state funds.

It is important to note that none of the early action solutions pertain to Proposition 98 funding. The only K-14 provisions of the agreement are to reduce the proposed School Facility Program appropriation by \$500 million (bringing the total General Fund appropriation since 2022-23 from \$4.1 billion to \$3.6 billion) and to delay \$550 million for the California Preschool, Transitional Kindergarten, and Full-Day Kindergarten Facilities Grant Program. Both programs are funded outside of Proposition 98.

While Proposition 98 funding is not affected by the early action plan, it does not mean there will not be proposed cuts or deferrals to K-14 education when lawmakers finalize the 2024-25 State Budget in June. The Assembly’s [summary](#) of the deal confirms the early package avoids cuts to core programs in education, health, human services, and public safety. However, the summary also offers the caveat that “cuts in all of these areas are likely in the June budget, but the goal will be to minimize cuts to core programs.”

The Senate’s [summary](#) of the agreement projects that the \$17.3 billion early action solutions combined with the estimated \$12.2 billion withdrawal from the state’s Rainy Day Fund will decrease the projected \$37.9 to \$52.9 billion deficit to a more manageable \$8.4 to \$23.4 billion shortfall.

The plan is for the agreement to be placed into a budget bill and have the package vetted by the legislative budget committees early next week. That budget bill could be taken up for votes on the Assembly and Senate floors as soon as Thursday, April 11, 2024. Stay tuned.



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Biden Signs Bill to Fund Education for 2024



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After months of stalemate, temporary fixes, and political wrangling, President Joe Biden signed a package of bills worth \$1.2 trillion that ended the threat of a partial government shut-down. The bill includes \$79.6 billion for the U.S. Department of Education, which equates to a 0.2% cut compared to Fiscal Year (FY) 2023.

The higher education appropriations for the budget were mostly flat funded with a modest increase for career technical education (CTE) grants. The funding package includes the following appropriations for community colleges:

- The Pell Grant maximum award was flat funded at \$7,395 for the 2024-25 school year.
- The Child Care Access Means Parents in School program was flat funded at \$75 million.
- The Basic Needs Grants were flat funded at \$10 million.
- The Strengthening Community College Training Grants were flat funded at \$65 million.
- The Federal TRIO programs were flat funded at \$1.2 billion.
- Registered Apprenticeships program was flat funded at \$285 million.
- Postsecondary Student Success Grants were flat funded at \$45 million.
- Adult Education State Grants were flat funded at \$729 million.
- CTE State Grants received a \$10 million increase to \$1.43 billion.
- \$1.01 billion, a decrease of \$2.49 million, to assist Historically Black Colleges and Universities and Minority Serving Institutions in the Aid for Institutional Development account.

The appropriations bills contain funding for federal programs through the remainder of FY 2024, which ends on September 30, 2024.

Vacant Funded Positions for FY2023-24- Projected Annual Salary and Benefits Savings
As of April 10, 2024

Fund	Management/ Academic/ Confidential	EMPLOYEE ID#	Title	Site	Effective Date	Annual Salary	Notes	Vacant Account	2023-24 Estimated Annual Budgeted Sal/Ben	Total Unr. General Fund by Site
11	Gil, Darlene	1987076	Title IX Specialist	District	12/18/2022	-	Reorg#1324 Eliminated position created P&C Business Partner. CL23-00598 Hired Lysette Miranda#2729497 Eff:8/21/23 WOC Leslie Castillo#1825367 Eff:2/20/24-6/30/24	11-0000-673000-53110-2130	-	
11	Gomez, Emmeline	2684332	P & C Business Partner	District	2/20/2024	28,064		11-0000-673000-53110-2130	41,936	
11	Lee, Patrick	1416553	P/T District Safety Officer	District	1/24/2021	-	Reorg#1345 moved funds to new F/T Locksmith Position	11-0000-695000-54166-2310	-	
11	Locksmith	Reorg#1345	Locksmith	District	6/1/2023	64,971		11-0000-677000-54161-2130	112,668	
11	Lott, Glenn	2264736	Technical Specialist	District	1/31/2023	-	CL23-00575 Hired Wayne Corral#2764469 Eff:1/8/2023	11-0000-678000-54141-2130	-	
11	Negron, Victor	1069018	Senior Payroll Specialist	District	6/30/2023	33,496		11-0000-672000-54215-2130	58,597	
11	Nieto Mireles, Mario	2090959	Custodian	District	3/1/2023	-	CL23-00625 Hired Rosa Fierros#2620447 Eff:9/5/23	11-0000-653000-54133-2310	-	
50%-fd 11 50%-fd 12	Nguyen, Tyler	2262222	Research Analyst	District	3/3/2023	-	CL23-00617 Lateral Transfer Kevin Kawa#2329619 Eff:10/15/23	11-2410-679000-53340-2130-50% 12-3401-679000-53340-2130-50%	-	702,935
11	Ortiz, Steven	2611580	Mail/Warehouse Assistant	District	6/15/2023	23,148		11-0000-677000-54152-2130	41,555	
11	Palomares, Vanessa	1851190	Business Services Coordinator	District	10/19/2022	42,493		11-0000-701000-53350-2130	64,036	
11	Pita, Lazaro R.	1298807	P/T District Safety Officer	District	11/23/2019	-	Reorg#1345 moved funds to new F/T Locksmith Position	11-0000-695000-54167-2310-60%	-	
11	Reynolds, Danielle	2286360	Purchasing Assistant	District	1/19/2022	-	CL23-00625 Hired Nina Lee Benson#2742626 Eff:9/18/23	11-0000-677000-54151-2130	-	
11	Santillan, Jason	1834093	Custodian	District	4/10/2023	-		11-0000-653000-54133-2310	-	
11	Smith, Nancy	1794928	Desktop Publishing Technician	District	11/4/2022	68,453		11-0000-677000-52600-2130	117,430	
11	Shijma, Phil T	1209698	P/T District Safety Officer	District	2/11/2021	-	Reorg#1345 moved funds to new F/T Locksmith Position	11-0000-695000-54163-2310	-	
86.20%-fd 11 13.80%-fd 12	Tingirides, Tiffany	2345107	Senior District Safety Officer	District	12/2/2022	-	Hired Oscar Medina#2689500 Eff:7/1/2023	11-0000-677000-54167-2130-86.20% 12-3610-695000-54167-2130-13.80%	-	
11	Tran, John	1030000	Media Systems Electronic Technician, Lead	District	12/29/2023	52,184		11-0000-678000-54142-2130	87,775	
11	Tucker, David	1026632	Warehouse Storekeeper	District	4/2/2023	-	Hired Steven Ortiz#2611580 CL23-00610 Eff:6/16/23	11-0000-677000-54153-2130	-	
60%-fd 11 40%-fd 12	Whiteman, Robert	1280163	Senior District Safety Officer	District	8/31/2023	41,698		11-0000-677000-54166-2130-60% 12-3610-695000-54166-2130-40%	72,647	
65%-fd 11 35%-fd 12	Berber, Christian	1580466	High School & Community Outreach Specialist	SAC	12/2/2022	-	CL22-00489 Hired Andrea Cristobal#2229410 Eff:9/18/23	11-2490-649000-18100-2130-65% 12-1102-649000-18100-2130-35%	-	
11	Boster Toinette	1029574	Administrative Clerk	SAC	1/3/2023	-	Hired Any Palafox#2299314 Eff:6/21/23	11-0000-601000-15716-2130-50%	-	
11	Burke, Tamy	1460227	P/T Administrative Clerk	SAC	2/22/2022	26,809		11-0000-601000-15712-2130-50%	36,629	
11	Cardona, Maria	1306613	Executive Secretary	SAC	2/23/2024	26,189		11-0000-679000-17100-2130 11-0000-632000-19510-2130-5% 11-2410-632000-19510-2130-31% 12-2412-632000-19510-2130-64%	43,206	
36%-fd 11 64%-fd 12	Cervantes, Mariana	2730594	Instructional Center Technician	SAC	1/26/2024	9,996		11-0000-653000-17200-2130	22,203	
11	Chavez, Antonio	1759169	Custodian	SAC	11/24/2023	34,729		11-0000-653000-17200-2130	65,877	
11	Dahl, Kayla	2338789	Administrative Secretary	SAC	1/4/2023	-	Hired CL23-00571 Keely Hamilton#2732622 Eff:8/7/23	11-0000-601000-15410-2130	-	
11	Delgado, Roberto	1374929	Custodian	SAC	11/3/2023	-	Zero Available funds. Site did not fund SRP replacement Robert Delgado	11-0000-653000-17200-2130 11-0000-499900-19510-2210-20% 11-2410-499900-19510-2210-20% 12-2412-499900-19510-2210-60%	-	
40%-fd 11 60%-fd 12	Dinh, Amber	1069111	Instructional Center technician	SAC	1/3/2023	-	Hired CL23-00568 Jasmin Do#2415712 Eff:7/1/23	11-0000-679000-17100-2130	-	
11	Ellsworth, Kristin	2175738	Administrative Secretary	SAC	12/5/2022	-	Hired Sara Garcia#1212917 Eff: 6/5/23	11-0000-709000-11300-2130	-	
20%-fd 11 80%-fd 12	Garcia Carmona, Javier	2047939	High School & Community Outreach Specialist	SAC	3/26/2023	-	Hired CL23-00607 Christian Berber#1580466 Eff:7/5/23 @100% F012. Site Submitted SCF for new hire - changing % split	11-0000-649000-19615-2130-20% 12-2549-649000-19615-2130-10% 12-2412-649000-19615-2130-70%	-	
11	Glomba, Irena	1028144	Executive Secretary	CEC	6/30/2023	-	CL23-00685 Hired Linda Tapia#2265577 Eff:11/20/23	11-0000-601000-18100-2130	-	
11	Hayes, Charles F.	1026480	Custodian	SAC	6/1/2020	53,013		11-0000-653000-17200-2130	96,320	
11	Heller, Shelly	2375248	Science Lab Coordinator	SAC	1/27/2023	-	Hired Robert Campbell Eff:6/5/23 CL23-00579. WOC Robert Campbell#2672582 2/13/23-6/4/23	11-0000-190500-16420-2210-50% 11-0000-190100-16430-2210-50%	-	
11	Hernandez, Eric	1027374	P/T Custodian	SAC	5/1/2022	21,265		11-0000-653000-17200-2130	29,054	
11	Jusay, Modesto	1026710	Custodian	SAC	6/30/2022	36,973		11-0000-653000-17200-2130	61,992	
11	Kawa, Kevin	2339619	Research Analyst	SAC	10/14/2023	78,264		11-0000-679000-11600-2130	119,358	
11	Ramirez, Leonardo	1379054	Skilled Maintenance Worker	SAC	3/3/2022	64,972		11-0000-679000-17100-2310	112,670	
11	Cottrill Soehler, Tammy	10235107	Distance Education Services Specialist	SAC	12/30/2023	48,705		11-0000-610000-15054-2130	77,423	
11	Lopez, Felipe	1027162	Gardener/Utility Worker	SAC	12/31/2021	57,143		11-0000-655000-17300-2130	101,967	
50%-fd 11 50%-fd 12	Maestas, Yvonne	1029309	Admission Record Speciaist II	SAC	5/1/2023	-	CL23-00632 Hired Nguyen, Jay#1062155 Eff:11/1/23	11-0000-620000-19205-2130-40% 2410-620000-19205-2130-10% 12-2412-620000-19205-2130-50%	-	
20%-fd 11 80%-fd 12	Marquez, Daniel	1062361	Student Services Coordinator	SAC	7/10/2023	-	CL23-00677 Hired Jasmine Navarro#2762542 Eff:1/10/24 Interim Assignment Basti Lopez De la Luz#1821197 Eff:7/24/23-1/15/24	11-0000-649000-19615-2130-20% 12-2549-649000-19615-2130-10% 12-2412-649000-19615-2130-70%	-	
35%-fd 11 65%-fd 12	Miranda Zamora, Cristina	1339369	Auxiliary Services Specialist	SAC	11/19/2019	21,790		11-0000-699000-14121-2130-35% 11-0000-691000-14121-2130-65%	38,136	1,743,776
11	Munoz, Edward J.	1027311	P/T Accountant	SAC	7/14/2020	31,014		11-0000-679000-17100-2310	42,374	
75%-fd 11 25%-fd 13	Naguib-Estefanous, Nancy A	2018465	Senior Clerk	SAC	10/2/2022	57,143		11-0000-646000-19405-2130	101,967	
11	Naguib-Estefanous, Nancy A	2018465	Scholarship Coordinator	SAC	7/23/2023	-	CL23-00687 Hired Xochitl Abarca#1666390 Eff:12/4/23	11-0000-709000-19550-2130-75% 13-3411-709000-19550-2130-25%	-	
11	Nguyen, Thuy	1026315	Library Technician II	SAC	12/30/2023	44,580		11-0000-612000-15915-2130 11-0000-632000-19510-2130-20% 11-2410-632000-19510-2130-20%	66,688	
40%-fd 11 60%-fd 12	Marin, Perla	1056640	Administrative Clerk	SAC	9/8/2023	19,610		11-0000-632000-19510-2130-20% 12-2412-632000-19510-2130-60%	36,563	
11	Packard, Roxanne	1807160	Auxiliary Services Specialist	SAC	1/14/2024	36,919		11-0000-699000-14121-2130	61,730	
11	Pleitez, Roxana	2027159	Division Administrative Assistant	SAC	6/25/2023	14,066		11-0000-601000-15605-2130	24,426	
11	Ramirez, Leonardo	1379054	Skilled Maintenance Worker	SAC	3/3/2022	64,972		11-0000-653000-17400-2130	112,670	
82%-fd 11 18%-fd 13	Razo, Mariano	1029552	Custodian	SAC	3/25/2024	17,059		11-0000-653000-17200-2130 11-2490-620000-18100-2130-82% 12-1102-620000-18100-2130-18%	30,644	
11	Reimer, Lillian	1025907	Admissions/Records Specialist I	SAC	8/16/2022	43,321		11-0000-655000-17300-2130	78,778	
11	Rodriguez, Hector	2611615	Gardener/Utility Worker	SAC	5/3/2022	57,143		11-0000-655000-17300-2130	101,967	
11	Rodriguez, Natalie	1593301	Counseling Assistant	SAC	1/8/2023	-	CL22-00425 Hired CL23-00572 Jose Rios Pineda#1456179 Eff:7/10/23	11-2410-631000-15310-2310 11-0000-632000-19510-2130-5%	-	
36%-fd 11 64%-fd 12	Ruesga, Claudia	1030364	Instructional Center Technician	SAC	1/3/2023	-	Hired CL23-00568 Mariana Cervantes#2730594 Eff:7/27/23	11-2410-632000-19510-2130-31% 12-2412-632000-19510-2130-64%	-	
11	Sandoval, Christopher	1904454	Senior Clerk	SAC	12/31/2023	37,725		11-0000-660000-11100-2130	50,390	
11	Stapleton, Amber	1029657	Admissions/Records Specialist I	SAC	5/22/2022	52,830		11-0000-620000-19205-2130-70% 11-2410-620000-19205-2130-30% 11-2410-632000-19510-2130-20%	96,072	
40%-fd 11 60%-fd 12	Student Services Specialist	REORG#1190	Student Services Specialist	SAC	12/29/2019	24,902		11-0000-632000-19510-2130-20% 12-2416-632000-19510-2130-60%	43,585	
10%-fd 11 90%-fd 12	Suzuki, Miya	2306123	Division Administrative Assistant	SAC	7/13/2023	-	Reorg#1190 (Nguyen, Cang#1030027) CL23-00700 Hired Christopher Sandoval#1904454 Eff:1/1/2024	11-0000-601000-16100-2130	-	
11	Tapia, Linda	2265577	Division Administrative Assistant	SAC	11/19/2023	-		11-0000-601000-16100-2130	-	
11	Taylor, Katherine A.	1028961	P/T Admissions/Records Specialist I	SAC	10/1/2020	22,743		11-0000-620000-19205-2310-30% 11-2410-620000-19205-2310-70%	31,074	
50%-fd 11 50%-fd 12	Vu, Amy	2235583	Admissions/Records Specialist II	SAC	9/30/2023	29,138		11-0000-620000-19205-2130-40% 2410-620000-19205-2130-10%	50,723	
11	Vu, Michelle	2344157	Counseling Assistant	SAC	1/31/2023	-	WOC Ashley Serna#2039756 Eff:3/31/24 Hired CL23-00572 Maria Constantino Rodriguez#1217900 Eff:7/10/23 BCF#BCRXIEWC6 S&B 587,816 for 2320 hourly staff	11-2410-631000-15310-2310	-	
11	Yoder, Brian	1028171	Instructional Media Producer	SAC	9/1/2023	14,002		11-0000-679000-11501-2130	43,449	
82%-fd 11 18%-fd 12	Zambrano, Wendy	1338982	Adm/Rec Spec Senior	CEC	8/10/2023	49,225		11-2490-620000-18100-2130-82% 12-1102-620000-18100-2130-18%	78,500	
11	Bains, Kelsey	1030596	Athl Trainer/Therapist	SCC	7/19/2023	-	Hired CL23-00675 Francisco Partida#1820892 Eff:11/20/23	11-0000-620000-29100-2130	-	
11	Connaker, William	1027611	Learning Assistant	SCC	6/2/2023	29,319		11-0000-611000-29225-2410	40,059	
11	Davis, Wendy	1027078	Auxiliary Services Specialist	SCC	4/27/2023	77,439		11-0000-699000-24129-2130-9%	116,937	
11	Delgado, Roberto	1374929	Gardener/Utility Worker	SCC	9/17/2023	20,317		11-0000-655000-27800-2310	27,760	

Vacant Funded Positions for FY2023-24- Projected Annual Salary and Benefits Savings
As of April 10, 2024

Fund	Management/ Academic/ Confidential	EMPLOYEE ID#	Title	Site	Effective Date	Annual Salary	Notes	Vacant Account	2023-24 Estimated Annual Budgeted Sal/Ben	Total Unnr. General Fund by Site
11	De La Rosa, Joel	2683159	Skilled Maintenance Worker	SCC	9/11/2023	47,145	Hired CL23-00736 Gavilanes, Jose#2241143 Eff:2/22/24	11-0000-651000-27400-2130	85,179	
11	Devora Murillo, Abraham	2326045	P/T Custodian	SCC	2/21/2024	7,089		11-0000-653000-27200-2310	7,447	
11	Gavilanes, Jose	2241143	Custodian	SCC	2/22/2024	27,841	Hired CL23-00737 Godinez, Ismael#2633936 Eff:2/22/24	11-0000-653000-28100-2130	50,156	
11	Gilbert, Jessica	1905429	PT Administrative Clerk	SCC	12/31/2023	14,825		11-0000-601000-25051-2310	20,255	
11	Gitonga, Kanana	1030388	International Student Coordinator	SCC	1/31/2019	-	BCF# B4C91VLES Dept used budget to fund Apprenticeship ISA 11-3232-095210- 25210-5873	11-0000-649000-29110-2130	-	
11	Hermen, Lisa	1027710	Senior Clerk	SCC	3/31/2022	28,572		11-0000-601000-25131-2130	62,099	
11	Hernandez, Guadalupe	1492326	Custodian	SCC	4/4/2023	58,572		11-0000-653000-27200-2130	96,468	
11	Kawafuchi, Emily	1239034	Transfer Center Specialist	SCC	4/16/2023	-	BCF#BCGK131X24 Dept used budget to fund Apprenticeship Invoices	11-0000-631000-29305-2130	-	569,807
11	Lopez Gomez, Valentin	1810444	P/T Custodian	SCC	2/21/2024	7,089		11-0000-653000-27200-2310	7,447	
11	Martin, Sheryl A.	1028421	Executive Secretary	SCC	8/9/2021	-	Hired CL22-00466 Martins, Janette#1281847 Eff:7/24/2023 S.Martin returned to OEC on 10/4/22. Vacancy is now in Student Services Off. BCF#BCWXD1AQ24 Dept moving \$11,832 to hry acct	11-0000-649000-29050-2130	-	
11	Nguyen, Jay	1062155	P/T Admission & Records Specialist I	SCC	10/31/2023	5,480		11-0000-620000-29110-2310	7,488	
11	Ramirez, Margarito	2443392	P/T Custodian	SCC	2/21/2024	7,089		11-0000-653000-27200-2310	7,447	
11	Reza, Juna	1029204	Custodian	SCC	8/29/2023	26,982	Hired CL23-00737 Devora Murillo, Abraham#2326045 Eff:3/22/2024	11-0000-653000-28100-2130	41,066	
11	Simoes, Antonio	2666411	P/T Gardener/Utility Worker	SCC	11/16/2022	-	Hired CL23-00564 Roberto Delgado#1374929 Eff 7/31/23	11-0000-655000-27300-2310	-	
11	Smilde, Mark	2635727	Senior Custodian/Utility Worker	SCC	8/11/2022	-	Hired Guadalupe Hernandez#1492326 effective April 4, 2023 CL22-00386.	11-0000-653000-27200-2130	-	
11	Tran, Kieu-Loan T.	1030029	Admission Records Specialist III	SCC	3/1/2020	-	BCF#BCJ11RDS52 Dept used budget to fund Apprenticeship Invoices	11-0000-620000-29100-2130	-	
						1,842,506			3,016,517	
TOTAL						2,728,020			4,374,347	

Rancho Santiago Community College
FD 11/13 Combined -- Unrestricted General Fund Cash Flow Summary
FY 2023-24, 2022-23, 2021-22
YTD Actuals- March 31, 2024

	FY 2023/2024												
	July Actual	August Actual	September Actual	October Actual	November Actual	December Actual	January Actual	February Actual	March Actual	April Actual	May Actual	June Actual	
Beginning Fund Balance	\$69,995,934	\$71,193,032	\$61,140,488	\$63,079,124	\$59,749,120	\$59,475,293	\$70,758,772	\$70,448,499	\$62,683,295	\$49,333,713	\$49,333,713	\$49,333,713	Total
Total Revenues	14,999,379	7,247,510	21,581,168	16,416,147	22,719,457	32,139,652	19,316,041	12,651,332	8,020,860	0	0	0	155,091,545
Total Expenditures	13,802,280	17,300,055	19,642,532	19,746,151	22,993,284	20,856,173	19,626,313	20,416,536	21,370,442	0	0	0	175,753,766
Change in Fund Balance	1,197,099	(10,052,545)	1,938,637	(3,330,004)	(273,827)	11,283,478	(310,273)	(7,765,204)	(13,349,582)	0	0	0	(20,662,221)
Ending Fund Balance	71,193,032	61,140,488	63,079,124	59,749,120	59,475,293	70,758,772	70,448,499	62,683,295	49,333,713	49,333,713	49,333,713	49,333,713	
	FY 2022/2023												
	July Actual	August Actual	September Actual	October Actual	November Actual	December Actual	January Actual	February Actual	March Actual	April Actual	May Actual	June Actual	
Beginning Fund Balance	\$59,415,833	\$61,784,640	\$52,663,482	\$47,112,071	\$44,117,698	\$38,009,050	\$59,834,822	\$52,186,865	\$55,286,293	\$56,436,784	\$64,728,465	\$58,986,931	Total
Total Revenues	13,207,623	6,163,437	12,205,656	14,492,940	14,987,785	39,069,575	9,590,300	22,970,783	18,833,781	25,599,139	12,376,790	40,473,184	229,970,994
Total Expenditures	10,838,816	15,284,595	17,757,067	17,487,313	21,096,433	17,243,803	17,238,257	19,871,355	17,683,289	17,307,458	18,118,324	29,464,181	219,390,893
Change in Fund Balance	2,368,807	(9,121,158)	(5,551,411)	(2,994,373)	(6,108,648)	21,825,772	(7,647,956)	3,099,427	1,150,491	8,291,681	(5,741,534)	11,009,003	10,580,101
Ending Fund Balance	61,784,640	52,663,482	47,112,071	44,117,698	38,009,050	59,834,822	52,186,865	55,286,293	56,436,784	64,728,465	58,986,931	69,995,934	
	FY 2021/2022												
	July Actual	August Actual	September Actual	October Actual	November Actual	December Actual	January Actual	February Actual	March Actual	April Actual	May Actual	June Actual	
Beginning Fund Balance	\$46,370,067	\$48,091,696	\$35,602,855	\$41,281,989	\$26,324,996	\$24,068,300	\$50,130,982	\$43,899,530	\$33,460,128	\$34,790,561	\$42,595,206	\$33,912,083	Total
Total Revenues	11,437,098	2,884,275	21,977,395	701,517	16,658,801	40,835,472	9,174,999	7,173,633	16,255,779	23,385,633	9,250,271	52,842,778	212,577,651
Total Expenditures	9,715,469	15,373,117	16,298,261	15,658,510	18,915,497	14,772,790	15,406,451	17,613,035	14,925,346	15,580,988	17,933,393	27,339,028	199,531,885
Change in Fund Balance	1,721,630	(12,488,842)	5,679,134	(14,956,992)	(2,256,696)	26,062,682	(6,231,452)	(10,439,402)	1,330,433	7,804,645	(8,683,122)	25,503,749	13,045,766
Ending Fund Balance	48,091,696	35,602,855	41,281,989	26,324,996	24,068,300	50,130,982	43,899,530	33,460,128	34,790,561	42,595,206	33,912,083	59,415,833	

Fiscal Resources Committee

Via Zoom Video Conference Call

1:31 p.m. – 2:22 p.m.

Meeting Minutes for March 20, 2024

FRC Members Present: Iris Ingram, Morrie Barembaum (arrived at 1:32 pm), Susana Cardenas (left at 2:10 pm), Steven Deeley, Madeline Grant, Bart Hoffman, Veronica Munoz (arrived at 1:33 pm), Thao Nguyen (for Perez), Adam O’Connor, Kevin Ortiz, Craig Rutan, and Arleen Satele

FRC Members Absent: Claire Coyne, Noemi Guzman, Ethan Harlan, and Enrique Perez

Alternates/Guests Present: Jason Bui, Gina Huegli, Tara Kubicka-Miller (left at 2:09 pm), Mark Reynoso, Jose Vargas, Kennethia Vega, and Barbie Yniguez

1. Welcome: Vice Chancellor Ingram called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m. via zoom upon achieving quorum.
2. State/District Budget Update
 - Apportionment Memo February 27, 2024
 - 2022/23 Apportionment Recal Report Exhibit C RSCCD Statewide
 - [2022/23 Recal Reconciliation](#)
 - [2023/24 Apportionment P1 Report Exhibit C RSCCD Statewide](#)
 - [LAO 2024/25 Budget California Community Colleges](#)
 - SSC – Top Legislative Issues-February 16, 2024
 - SSC – January 2024 State Cash Receipts Below Forecast
 - SSC – LAO to Legislature: Deteriorating Budget Condition Ahead
 - SSC – Top Legislative Issues-March 1, 2024
 - SSC – Inflation Shows Persistence
 - SSC – UCLA Economist: A Return to Normalcy
 - DOF – Finance Bulletin-February 2024

Ingram briefly reported on the status of the State budget providing an explanation for the difference in the budget deficit projections of the LAO (Legislative Analysts Office) and the Governor’s Office (Department of Finance). It is an accounting calculation and definition of assumptions that create this difference. The Governor proposes to cover any projected deficit by using the “rainy day fund” reserve, other distributed but not yet expended funds, and relatively painless redistributions of the budget. A COLA is also projected. As the legislative committees are now in session, more information will not be known until the May revise. Ingram referenced above resources for additional information.

3. Discussion of Deficit Factor

O’Connor noted the discussion of the deficit factor is the result of the survey that was done last year and was added to the committee calendar for discussion every March as P1 for current year and Recalc for previous year are known and received. He screenshared page 13, saying that at P2 the deficit factor was over 10% (\$22 million) with calculated revenue at \$203 million, but only \$181 million was available with the assurance that the deficit would come down at Recalc which it did come down to zero. In addition, RSCCD earned restoration funds at \$3.5 million, the difference between \$203 million to \$206.8 million, plus the \$4 million for the 2% deficit factor increased the revenues by \$7.5 million in the final close out of 2022-23. This will flow to the colleges through the budget allocation model.

Prior to the final close out Fiscal Services discussed with the Chancellor’s Office several years’ worth of apportionment revenue, that as we close the year if we did not earn revenue it was set up as payable, and the Chancellor’s office would typically take it back. Upon further discussion with the Chancellor’s Office, they could not find that we owed them money and since it had not been taken back at this point, it is

unlikely they will. That amount totals \$8.7 million. The Board of Trustees changed the reserves policy to two months of total general fund expenses and agreed to progressively increase over time with one-time funds. Therefore, a recommendation was made to Chancellor's Cabinet that these one-off one-time funds be moved to the Board Policy Contingency reserve, putting the total in reserve at \$63 million with an overall goal of \$65 million which is equivalent to two-months expenses. RSCCD is getting close to meeting that goal.

At P1 RSCCD had \$6.2 million left in restoration, this being the last year to earn restoration funding. We fully restored \$6.2 million based on growth projections that were included at P1. Not only did we restore, grew an additional 351 FTES, but we also reported a total of 29,195 FTES, leaving 327 additional FTES unfunded. A different strategy was implemented this year to shift FTES at P1, which is not typically done until the year is over. So, this includes a summer shift of FTES that may or may not materialize, and as we go through the year that number could come down on the natural, but if it does not, there may be no need to move FTES into 2023-24. If it does materialize, we would have at least 327 FTES that we could leave for next year, which helps with growth as well.

At P1 the deficit factor or bouncing ball is jumping up again and is currently at 3.55%. Which means, at P1 we are earning \$234 million but there is only \$225 million available to pay or an \$8.3 million deficit. It is a bouncing ball, and we keep watch to see where it lands. At RSCCD, the deficit factor amount is in the budget at 2% so that we do not have to go back and take money away unless it came in more than 2%. We have been fortunate that the deficit factor typically has been reduced and we get money back instead of clawing back that allocation. The deficit factor percentage is standard across the state and changes are normal. Discussion ensued and clarification provided.

4. Updated 2024/2025 RSCCD Tentative Budget Assumptions

O'Connor screenshared pages 63-65 and briefly discussed changes to the tentative budget assumptions that will now be presented to the Board for approval on Monday, March 25. O'Connor reminded everyone of FRC action taken on the tentative budget assumptions that did not include the P1 and Recalc information but was updated, presented to District Council, and approved and will be shared with the Board on March 25. Highlights include the following:

- P1 actual FTES is 29,195 and based on that estimate, grew at 6.97% with funded growth at 7.93%.
- Restoration captured; SAC at large college designation funded in 2024-25 with the extra \$1 million for a total of \$15.4 million. This is a huge increase and RSCCD is in really good shape.
- Must increase deficit factor from 2% to 3.55% at \$8.3 million for next year.
- Under other revenue, the colleges provided estimated revenue that went down a bit, so instead of \$900,000 we are looking at \$700,000.
- Expenditures of two allocations approved by POE in October 2023 have now been included.
- Recap Revenue at \$16.3 million in new revenue, and \$10.7 million in ongoing expenses.
- Based on the colleges having funding from SRP, adding to this year's \$5.7 million unallocated funds brings us to \$6.5 million that will flow through the budget allocation model.

O'Connor further discussed the budget allocation for salary schedule adjustments noting the District budgets for all full-time employees, but the colleges need to budget increases for part-time employees. Included in Item B both full-time and part-time allocation estimates are included, but it will be taken out the next time it is brought forward for the actual tentative budget and take out the portion that applies to part-time employees. This means, the colleges need to budget for this at about \$2 million for part-time faculty and staff.

Discussion ensued about the chances of the deficit factor increasing, staying the same, or dropping below the projected 3.55%. Additional discussion continued about deferments or cuts but understanding the Governor is projecting to solve the revenue issues by taking back unexpended funds and without significant impact. These details are unknown currently.

5. Projected 2023/2024 Year-end Balances – Satele, Hoffman, and O’Connor
 O’Connor reported district operations may be close to spending all their budget with zero carryover. Additionally, there may be some overspending, due to the district safety and security and parking funds overspending each year at approximately \$500,000. They have completely exhausted any reserves and anything that is overspent will need to be transferred to fund 11. Therefore, there is no projected ending balance and may be in the hole. O’Connor referenced discussion in recent Chancellor’s Cabinet regarding a proposal to increase student parking fees to help remedy some of the overage in future years. Ingram explained the Presidents will bring the discussion to their campuses and respective student groups. Student parking fees have not increased since 2009 and the plan is to submit a proposal to the Board for approval in Fall 2024 to be effective Fall 2025 with rates increasing progressively over a three-year period.

In response to inquiry about the number of permits purchased by students over the years, O’Connor provided the revenue amounts that have progressively decreased as follows:

2014-15 - \$936,000
 2015-16 - \$825,000
 2016-17 - \$691,000
 2017-18 - \$661,000
 2018-19 - \$661,000
 2019-20 - \$468,000
 2020-21 - \$287,000
 2021-22 - \$418,000
 2022-23 - \$318,000

This is an interesting pattern with an obvious downward trend and most likely correlates to the numbers of students taking online courses, especially following COVID. Expenses have stayed the same, but the revenue has declined significantly. There will be continuous discussion about covering these expenses.

Currently students are charged \$30/semester and \$10/intersession for parking. The proposed increase is progressive over three years beginning in Fall 2025-26 at \$40/semester, \$20/intersession, 2026-27 at \$45/semester, \$25/intersession, and 2027-28 at \$50/semester, \$30/intersession. An inquiry was made about a special rate for students to purchase a year-long permit at a reduced cost vs. per semester. This is not available to them now but might encourage students to stay and incentivize them to continue through completion. Discussion ensued with a suggestion that faculty and staff parking fees increase as well with the understanding that it would need to be negotiated with appropriate collective bargaining units. It does not look good to increase student parking fees with faculty and staff paying less.

Satele reported SCC ending balances projection (not adding funds from tentative budget assumptions additional funding) are Fund 11 at \$1,027,240 and for Fund 13 at \$1,152,388 so combined about \$2.1 million. SCC is still trying to right size their adjunct faculty budget.

Hoffman reported SAC ending balances projection includes Fund 11 at approximately \$1 million, Fund 13 at approximately \$2.9 million for a combined approximately \$3.9 million total ending balance.

6. Annual Review of RSCCD Budget Allocation Model (BAM)
 O’Connor stated that given we made substantive changes in our last review and knowing the draft Educational Master Plan is suggesting the district consider reviewing other types of budget allocation models which will take a significant effort, it may not be beneficial to pursue in-depth changes to the current BAM now. Therefore, he recommended that minor edits or clarifications be submitted to him by April 10 for discussion of red-line edits at the next meeting. Ingram encouraged members to discuss this further with their constituent representative groups to provide clear feedback. There was consensus among the committee to only submit minor edits at this time.

Discussion ensued about the possibility of RSCCD becoming the “fiscal agent” for the State Chancellor’s Office and how that revenue would fit into the overall model. There was some indication it would stay with the District and become part of negotiations with classified and faculty. Ingram explained a plan has not yet been developed or even known if it will occur. Additionally, if there is some revenue generated

from this type of arrangement, it would likely be considered “one time” revenue and inappropriate to be applied to salaries. It was suggested that if it happens, and RSCCD becomes the fiscal agent, then there needs to be clarity about how the fees will be dispersed based upon the nature of the revenue as earned. O’Connor explained that currently fiscal agent funds sit outside the budget allocation model as they are accounted for in Fund 12 (restricted fund). Certainly, anything in restricted fund that has indirect, does flow through the model. In this case, it is not earned indirect, but receive a fee to perform the specific services for the Chancellor’s Office. Ingram confirmed that clarity would be sought.

7. 2024/2025 Proposed Meeting Schedule – ACTION

The 2024/25 proposed meeting schedule was presented for review and consideration of approval. It was noted that the first meeting of the fiscal year is July 3, is necessary, and must meet quorum requirements to approve the tentative budget. A motion by Rutan was seconded by Hoffman to approve the schedule as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

8. Standing Report from District Council – (Rutan for Coyne)

Rutan provided a brief report on the activities of the March 4, 2024, District Council meeting. He noted approval of two reorganizations from ITS that had previously been approved by POE committee in the fall, and revised job descriptions in Human Resources. The next meeting would normally be on April 1, but that is Cesar Chavez Holiday, and therefore the meeting is moved to Monday, April 8 (first day of spring break). There are many BPs and ARs to be considered at the next District Council meeting.

9. Informational Handouts

- District-wide expenditure report link: <https://intranet.rscgd.edu>
- Vacant Funded Position List as of March 14, 2024
- Monthly Cash Flow Summary as of February 29, 2024
- [SAC Planning and Budget Committee Agendas and Minutes](#)
- [SCC Budget Committee Agendas and Minutes](#)

Informational handouts above were referenced for further review.

10. Approval of FRC Minutes – February 21, 2024

A motion by Hoffman was seconded by Grant to approve the minutes of the February 21, 2024, meeting as presented. The motion passed by roll call vote with one abstention by Rutan.

11. Other

There were no further comments, questions, or discussion.

Next FRC Committee Meeting:

The next FRC meeting is April 17, 2024, at 1:30-3:00 p.m. This meeting adjourned at 2:22 p.m. with a motion by Hoffman that was seconded by Satele.