



Palomar Community College District Master Plan 2022

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This Master Plan is dedicated to developing Palomar Community College District to serve future generations of students, while preserving the outstanding qualities of the San Marcos campus.

The cover photographs contrast the old with the new, the original Library (now the Student Services Center) and the newly constructed Student Union.

The above photograph shows the Howard Brubeck Theatre with a kiosk built in the foreground by the Cabinetry and Furniture Technology program.

President's Statement

The Palomar Community College District has served north San Diego County since 1946. From the 200 students enrolled that first week, the district now serves over 30,000 students each year. The San Marcos Campus, the original college site, currently serves 21,000 students. The Escondido Center and seven sites located throughout the 2,550 square mile district serve more than 9,000 students. The district adult population is projected to grow substantially in the future. Master Plan 2022, based on the educational master plan, describes the district facilities needed to serve the communities of north San Diego County allowing the Palomar Community College District to reach its full enrollment projection of 47,500 students by 2022.

To respond to this anticipated growth, the Palomar Community College District Strategic Plan 2005 identified the need for a comprehensive educational and facilities master plan. The Educational and Facilities Master Plan Task Force was formed in January 2002. Using an inclusive process and working with master planning consultants, the task force's charge was to first project the future student enrollment to be served by the District. The task force then recommended a future district structure of campuses and centers with the planned educational programs and services to accommodate the projected growth. Next, these plans were translated in to the facilities plan with priorities, cost estimates, and sequencing for implementation. During this year and a half process, the Task Force involved the District's internal and external communities as well as providing the Governing Board with key recommendations for their approval.

Master Plan 2022 reflects the district's values, especially the value of providing access to our programs and services. Both the educational and facilities plans reflect attention to accessible and safe campuses and centers, creative learning environments which incorporate an emphasis in innovative teaching methodologies, technology, and interactive laboratories to meet student learning needs. Master planning is an on-going process that must be responsive to changes in educational delivery systems, curriculum, programs and services, student populations, and community needs. The Task Force, faculty, administration, and staff have spent many hours on this plan. I thank them for their special efforts and good stewardship of current and projected educational facilities. I also thank the Governing Board for their attention and feedback during the process. To ensure funding opportunities were met during the planning process, the Governing Board approved a State Final Project Plan for replacing the old science complex on the San Marcos Campus using the draft plans from the Task Force's work.

We believe that Master Plan 2022 provides the educational and facilities planning direction and priorities needed for the Palomar Community College District to achieve its vision, "Learning for Success."

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