



MJC Reflection

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Water. Yesterday, I attended an eleven hour regional conversation focused on what was referred to as the most important issue not only in California, but the United States. California's public policy and private sector leaders gathered to confront the crisis and challenges in the Valley. The long day of panel discussions and presentations did not result in a fix that can be implemented tomorrow, but it did provide a forum for finding shared interests and values within the diverse perspectives of water management. I learned an incredible amount about ground water, surface water, and the many, many agencies tasked with the responsibility of managing one or both on behalf of California residents. I am hopeful that the willingness of the public policy participants to engage in this and other similar tough conversations will lead to long term solutions that meet the needs of agriculture, cities, and the environment.

Student Success – Today, MJC faculty are engaged in student success planning facilitated by Dr. James Todd, Academic Senate President. This is a critical step in the development of the Student Success Plan implemented by the SSSP. I look forward to the outcome of today's working meeting as a step in developing the new plan for MJC.

www.mjc.edu – if you haven't visited the MJC website in the last two weeks, you are in for a treat! I hope you'll take a few minutes to explore the newly designed site; not only does it look fantastic, it brings function to the forefront. MJC Web Developer, Joshua Sigman did an outstanding job of listening to the input of focus groups and bringing forward a design that is intuitive for first time visitors. Thank you to the many individuals at MJC and Central Services that aided in making the web transformation a success!

*Every great and deep difficulty bears in itself its own solution.
It forces us to change our thinking in order to find it.*

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