



**Office of the Vice President
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To: College Council

From: Albert Alt, Ed.D., Vice President of College Administrative Services

CC: Jill Stearns, Ph.D., President/Chair

Date: December 11, 2017

RE: Naming of MJC facility - Information

Naming of facilities rests with the Board as documented in Board Policy 6620. While the final naming decision rests with the Governing Board, as new buildings were built through Measure E a practice was established to have naming recommendations go through each respective college governance structure. At MJC, Facilities Council established the practice of allowing the screening committee for each project to forward suggestions to the Council.

One of the few remaining Measure E projects for MJC, project name Outdoor Education Center, has reached the point in construction where an official permanent name needs to be established. The steering committee met several times and considered various options and included constituent feedback. The project steering committee forwarded the recommended name of "Great Valley Nature Lab" to the Facilities Council with written rationale. The Facilities Council considered the suggested name as an information item at its October 10, 2017 meeting. Council members had opportunity to ask questions of the steering committee and hear the rationale in person. After having an opportunity to obtain constituent feedback, Facilities Council took action to recommend the name of Great Valley Nature Lab to College Council.

For the December 11, 2017 College Council meeting, this is provided for informational purposes only. The item will come before the Council for consideration for action at the January 22, 2018 meeting. If adopted by College Council, the name of the facility would be forwarded to the Governing Board for consideration at its February meeting.



October 10, 2017

To the Members of the Facilities Council:

After careful consideration of several potential names, the Outdoor Education Area SME/GVM Committee proposes "Great Valley Nature Lab" as the official name of this new MJC facility. The committee believes that the name reflects the facility's mission to provide unique outdoor experiences for MJC students, local K-12 students, as well as community members for learning about the natural habitats of the Central Valley. The names Central Valley and the Great Valley of California are used synonymously. The committee has chosen "Great Valley" as part of the name because this outdoor area will represent a slice of the habitats across this valley. The committee prefers the sound of Great Valley, which is consistent with the name of the Great Valley Museum and also housed under the Science Community Center. The committee has chosen the "Nature Lab" portion of the name because it directly reflects the facility's function as an outdoor laboratory for MJC students enrolled in natural science courses. In addition, the committee believes that "Nature Lab" sets an inviting tone to disciplines across the campus, including the literary arts, fine arts and anthropology, for using this new facility.

Respectfully,

The Outdoor Education Area SME/GVM Committee

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