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February 6, 2015

Mr. Edward Knudson
Superintendent/President
Antelope Valley College
3041 West Avenue K
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Dear Superintendent/President Knudson:

The Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, Western Association of Schools and Colleges, at its meeting January 7-9, 2015, reviewed the Follow-Up Report submitted by Antelope Valley College. The Follow-Up Report was certified by district and college leadership, including the chair of the governing board, the college president, and leaders of the faculty, staff, and student organizations.

Based on the College Report and evidence submitted, the Commission finds that the College has addressed Recommendations 2.d and 4 and has fully resolved the deficiencies in College policies, procedures, and practices which led to noncompliance with Standards III.C.1, III.C 1.d, and III.D.1.c. The Commission also took action to require Antelope Valley College submit a **Follow-Up Report by October 15, 2015¹** demonstrating resolution of a deficiency in Standard III.D.3.c as noted in the Commission Recommendation below:

Although the deficiency in Standard III.D.1c has been resolved, the College has not yet implemented its plans regarding the Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEB) liability. Therefore the Commission makes the following Recommendation:

Commission Recommendation: The College needs to allocate funds to the OPEB trust. The activity of the Retirement Board does not demonstrate clear progress in addressing the OPEB liability and its impact on the College's ability to prevent service impacts. (Standard III.D.3.c)

Institutions are expected to meet Eligibility Requirements, Accreditation Standards, and Commission policies at all times during the six-year review cycle. Antelope Valley College must demonstrate to the Commission at the time of the next regularly scheduled report that the recent changes implemented to resolve deficiencies and meet Eligibility Requirements and Standards have been sustained.

Mr. Edward Knudson
Antelope Valley College
February 6, 2015

The Follow-Up Report submitted in October 2014 will become part of the accreditation history of the College. The Commission requires that you give the Follow-Up Report and this letter appropriate dissemination to your College staff and to those who were signatories of the Report. This group should include the campus leadership and the Board of Trustees.

The Commission also requires that the Follow-Up Report and this Commission action letter be made available to students and the public by placing a copy on the College website. *Please note that in response to public interest in disclosure, the Commission now requires institutions to post accreditation information on a page no more than one click from the institution's home page.*

On behalf of the Commission, I wish to express continuing interest in the institution's educational quality and students' success. Professional self-regulation is the most effective means of assuring institutional integrity, effectiveness, and educational quality.

Sincerely,



Barbara A. Beno, Ph.D.
President

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¹ Institutions preparing and submitting Midterm Reports, Follow-Up Reports, and Special Reports to the Commission should review *Guidelines for the Preparation of Reports to the Commission*. It contains the background, requirements, and format for each type of report and presents sample cover pages and certification pages. It is available on the ACCJC website under College Reports to ACCJC at: <http://www.accjc.org/college-reports-accjc>.