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Dr. Roger Schultz President Mt. San Jacinto College 1499 N. State Street San Jacinto, CA 92583

Dear President Schultz:

The Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, Western Association of Schools and Colleges, at its meeting June 5-7, 2013, reviewed the Follow-Up Report submitted by Mt. San Jacinto College.

The Commission noted that the College reported it has addressed the recommendation to regularly review the mission statement, revise it as necessary, and assess how well the College is meeting its mission. The College also summarized progress to date and presented evidence on the sustainability of the integrated planning and decision-making processes, the assessment of student learning outcomes, the gaps in student attainment of stated learning outcomes, and the allocation of human resources college-wide.

Institutions are expected to meet Eligibility Requirements, Accreditation Standards, and Commission policies at all times during the six-year review cycle. In accordance with U.S. Department of Education regulations, institutions are expected to have fully resolved all deficiencies within two years of when they were first identified to the College, and to have addressed all recommendations. At the time of the next regularly scheduled visit, the evaluation team will examine evidence in order to confirm that the College's described changes and steps taken to achieve full compliance with Standards have been sustained.

The Follow-Up Report submitted in March 2013 will become part of the accreditation history of the College. The Commission requires that you give the Report and this letter appropriate dissemination to your College staff and to those who were signatories of your College Report. This group should include 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 farther than one click from the institution's home page.* Dr. Roger Schultz Mt. San Jacinto College July 3, 2013

All colleges are required to file a **Midterm Report** in the third year after each comprehensive evaluation. Mt. San Jacinto College should submit the Midterm Report by **March 15, 2014**. A Midterm Report indicates resolution of any team recommendations made for improvement, includes a summary of progress on College-identified plans for improvement as expressed in the Self Evaluation Report, and forecasts where the College expects to be by the time of the next comprehensive evaluation.¹

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,

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Barbara A. Beno, Ph.D. President

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cc: Ms. Rebecca Teague, Accreditation Liaison Officer President, Board of Trustees

¹Institutions 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: (<u>http://www.accjc.org/college-reports-accjc</u>).