

July 9, 2026

Robyn Whiles  
President  
San Joaquin Valley College  
3828 West Caldwell Avenue  
Visalia, CA 93277

Dear President Whiles:

This letter serves as formal notification and official record of action taken concerning San Joaquin Valley College (SJVC) by the WASC Senior College and University Commission (WSCUC) at its meeting June 24 - 26, 2026. This action was taken after consideration of the report of the review team that conducted the Accreditation Visit to San Joaquin Valley College March 10 - 13, 2026 using the 2023 Standards of Accreditation. The Commission also reviewed the institutional report and exhibits submitted by SJVC prior to the Accreditation Visit. The Commission appreciated the opportunity to discuss the visit with you and your colleagues Donn Ritter, Board of Governors Chair; Lynne Hare, Ember Ed Vice President of Finance; Ron Gardner, Vice President of Operations; Rebecca Beavers, Vice President of Student Services; Stephanie Simmons, Director of Administration; and Greg Osborn, Director of Program Compliance and ALO. Your comments were very helpful in informing the Commission's deliberations. The date of this action constitutes the effective date of the institution's new status with WSCUC.

### **Actions**

1. Receive the Accreditation Visit team report
2. Reaffirm accreditation for a period of eight years
3. Schedule the next reaffirmation review with the Offsite Review in fall 2033 and the Accreditation Visit in spring 2034
4. Schedule a Progress Report to be submitted by November 1, 2027, to address:
  - a. the SJVC and Carrington College re-alignment.
  - b. audited financial statements for FY 25 and 26.
  - c. annual cash projections for FY 26 and fall 2027.
  - d. annual budgets vs actuals for FY 26 and fall 2027.
  - e. the status of the SJVC presidential transition.
  - f. staff retention statistics for FY 26 and fall 2027.

## **Commendations**

The Commission commends the institution for the following:

1. A commitment to students and student success that pervades the entire organization.
2. Effective communication and transparency throughout the SJVC-Carrington College re-alignment process, which ensures stakeholders feel informed, heard, and engaged.
3. Cohesiveness and consistency in the student experience across all campuses, reflecting administrative and curricular alignment.
4. Consistent and scalable instruction across all campuses through well-defined policies, effective faculty onboarding, and an ongoing commitment to the assessment of teaching and learning.
5. A culture of systematic data collection, rigorous analysis, and data-informed decision-making.

## **Areas for Development**

The Commission requires the institution to respond to the following areas for development:

1. Improve staff retention by strengthening onboarding, expanding training opportunities, and clearly defining role expectations. (CFR 3.1, 3.2, 3.3)
2. Enhance financial reporting practices to better reflect SJVC's independent financial position. (CFR 3.4, 3.11)
3. Prioritize presidential succession planning to ensure that the institution continues to have qualified leadership. (CFR 3.9)
4. Improve job placement results across programs and campuses. (CFR 2.2, 2.11)
5. Clarify roles and responsibilities of Program Managers and the Academic Council to more effectively exercise faculty academic leadership. (CFR 2.5, 2.6)

In taking this action to reaffirm accreditation, the Commission confirmed that San Joaquin Valley College successfully completed the two-stage institutional review process conducted under the 2023 Standards of Accreditation. In keeping with WSCUC values, San Joaquin Valley College should strive for ongoing improvement with adherence to all Standards of Accreditation and their associated CFRs to foster a learning environment that continuously strives for educational excellence and operational effectiveness.

In accordance with Commission policy, a copy of this letter is being sent to the chair of San Joaquin Valley College's governing board. The Commission expects that the team report and this action letter will be posted in a readily accessible location on the San Joaquin Valley College website and widely distributed throughout the institution to promote further engagement and improvement and to support the institution's response to the specific issues identified in these documents. The team report and the Commission's action letter will also be posted on the WSCUC website. If the institution wishes to

respond to the Commission action on its own website, WSCUC will post a link to that response on the WSCUC website.

Finally, the Commission wishes to express its appreciation for the extensive work that San Joaquin Valley College undertook in preparing for the accreditation review. WSCUC is committed to an accreditation process that adds value to institutions while contributing to public accountability, and we thank you for your continued support of this process. Please contact me if you have any questions about this letter or the action of the Commission.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Maria Toyoda', with a stylized, flowing script.

A. Maria Toyoda  
President

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Cc: Mary Marcy, Commission Chair  
Gregory Osborn, ALO  
Donn Ritter, Board Chair  
Members of the Accreditation Visit Team  
Maureen A. Maloney, Vice President