January 29, 2010

Mr. Roger Schultz  
Superintendent/President  
Mt. San Jacinto College  
1499 North 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 January 6-8, 2010, reviewed the Follow-Up Report submitted by Mt. San Jacinto College. The Commission took action to accept the report, with the requirement that the institution complete a Follow-Up Report by October 15, 2010. The report will be followed by a visit of Commission representatives.

The Commission requires that the Follow-Up Report demonstrate the institution’s resolution of the recommendation as noted below:

**RECOMMENDATION 2:** The team recommends that the College develop policies, procedures, and regular practices to ensure that:

2.1 the various programs and services of the College engage in regular assessment of institutional effectiveness, including program review;

2.2 the College set priorities for implementing plans for improvement that are based in analysis of research data;

2.3 the College incorporate established priorities into the governance, decision making, and resource distribution processes;

2.4 the College develop and employ a methodology for assessing overall institutional effectiveness and progress toward meeting goals expressed through plans for improvements; and that the College report regularly to internal constituencies and the Board on this progress.

(Standards I.B., II.A.1 and 2, II.B.3.a, II.B.4., II.C.1.e and II.C.2; III.A.6, III.B.2.b, III.C.1 and 2, III.D.1.a, IV.A.1, 2, 3, B.2.b, and the Preamble to the Standards.)

I wish to inform you that under U.S. Department of Education regulations, institutions out of compliance with standards or on sanction are expected to correct deficiencies within a two-year period or the Commission must take action to terminate accreditation. While Recommendation 2 was identified as a deficiency in the year 2005 Evaluation Team Report, the Commission has extended Mt. San Jacinto College’s time to correct the deficiencies associated with the Recommendation. However, the College must resolve this deficiency by October 15, 2010.
The Follow-Up Report will become part of the accreditation history of the college and should be used in preparing for the next comprehensive evaluation. 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 all reports be made available to students and the public. Placing copies in the college library can accomplish this.

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 quality.

Sincerely,

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President

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cc: Ms. Rebecca Teague, Accreditation Liaison Officer
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