

January 25, 2019

Ms. Brenda Thames, President  
West Hills College Coalinga  
300 Cherry Lane  
Coalinga, CA 93210

Dear President Thames:

The Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, Western Association of Schools and Colleges, at its meeting January 9-11, 2019, reviewed the Follow-Up Report and related evidentiary materials submitted by West Hills College Coalinga. The Commission also considered the External Evaluation Team Follow-Up Report prepared by the follow-up team that visited the institution on November 8, 2018. The purpose of this review was to determine whether the College has appropriately responded to the issues as identified by the peer review team at the time of the last visit and as expressed in the Commission's Action Letter of June 23, 2017, and whether the College has demonstrated compliance with the related Standards.

Upon consideration of the information noted above, the Commission acted to **Remove Warning, find compliance, and reaffirm accreditation for the remainder of the cycle**. The Commission finds that West Hills College Coalinga has addressed the compliance requirements College Recommendations 4, 9, 10, 12, and 14 and District Recommendation 2; corrected deficiencies; and meets Standards I.B.1, I.B.3, II.A.1, II.A.2, II.A.3, II.A.6, II.A.11, II.A.16, III.A.5, IV.A.7, and IV.C.7. The next report from the College will be the Midterm Report<sup>1</sup> due on March 15, 2021. The institution's next comprehensive review will occur in the spring term of 2024.

The Commission requires the College to disseminate the Follow-Up Report, the Team Report, and this letter within the institution, including by posting them on the College's website.

On behalf of the Commission, I wish to express appreciation for the diligent work and thoughtful reflection that West Hills College Coalinga undertook to respond to these requirements. These efforts confirm that peer review can well serve the multiple constituencies of higher education by both ensuring and encouraging institutional quality and effectiveness.

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<sup>1</sup> Institutions preparing and submitting Midterm Reports, Follow-up Reports, and Special Reports to the Commission should review *Guidelines for the Preparing Institutional Reports to the Commission*, found on the ACCJC website at <https://accjc.org/publications/>.

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If you have any questions about this letter or the Commission's action, please feel free to contact me or the vice president that has been assigned as liaison to your institution.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Richard Winn", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Richard Winn, Ed.D.  
President

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cc: Dr. Stuart Van Horn, Chancellor  
Mr. Francisco Banuelos, Accreditation Liaison Officer