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July 3, 2014

Mr. Don Warkentin President West Hills College Lemoore 555 College Avenue Lemoore, CA 93245

Dear President Warkentin:

The Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, Western Association of Schools and Colleges, at its meeting June 4-6, 2014, reviewed the Midterm Report submitted by West Hills College Lemoore. The Midterm Report was certified by District and College leadership, including the president of the governing board, the Chancellor, the College president, and leaders of the faculty, staff, and student organizations.

Based on the College Midterm Report and the documentation submitted, the Commission finds that College has addressed College Recommendations 1 through 5 on student learning outcomes assessment, course review policy, program elimination policy, library funding, and facilities planning. The College has resolved the deficiencies associated with these recommendations and meets Accreditation Standards.

The College also reported on District Recommendations 1 through 6 made for improvement in role delineation between district and colleges, evaluation of online faculty, facilities maintenance, district and college governance communication, update of district policies, and evaluation of the district-wide distance education program meets the associated Standards in these areas.

Institutions are expected to meet Eligibility Requirements and Accreditation Standards at all times during the six-year cycle. It is expected that the changes and improvements noted in the Midterm Report will be sustained. This will be verified at the time of the next regularly scheduled visit. West Hills College Lemoore will submit its Institutional Self Evaluation of Educational Quality and Institutional Effectiveness Report in preparation for the comprehensive review in **March 2017**. Please note that the comprehensive evaluations will be based upon the Accreditation Standards adopted in June 2014.

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

Mr. Don Warkentin West Hills College Lemoore July 3, 2014

The Commission also requires that the Midterm 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.*

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

Sincerely,

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