

Las Positas College For Immediate Release

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Utilities Commissioner Carla J. Peterman Visits Las Positas College

***Las Positas College welcomed California Public Utilities
Commissioner Carla J. Peterman to campus on April 2.***



(Commissioner Carla Peterman, third from left, joins Chabot-Las Positas Community College District staff at Las Positas College.)

(Livermore, CA) - Commissioner Carla Peterman visited LPC's UniEnergy Technologies' ReFlex™ energy storage system and viewed the progress of LPC energy-related projects funded by a \$1.5 million grant from the California Energy Commission.

The grant will help fund LPC's Microgrid Automation Project, one of only 10 proposals statewide to be awarded funding. As the only community college to receive a grant, LPC's project develops a microgrid blueprint that will benefit other campuses and institutions. By using four 250,000-watt flow batteries to store excess energy generated by the school's 2.35 megawatt solar arrays during daylight hours, the microgrid network will manage the release of stored energy during evening hours and is projected to save LPC \$100,000 per year. Although LPC currently generates 55 percent of its own electricity, the grant helps the college continue to reduce its carbon footprint as it strives to become energy independent. In addition to the California Energy Commission grant, Measure B is providing local funding required to complete the project.

Additional Measure B funds have been leveraged by the Chabot Las Positas Community College District to augment state or grant funding for other energy improvement projects including the installation of LED fixtures in parking lots and roadways district-wide.

About Carla J. Peterman

Peterman, the first African American female to be appointed to the CPUC by Governor Edmund G. Brown, Jr., is the assigned commissioner for a number of proceedings including energy efficiency, the Renewables Portfolio Standard, alternative transportation, energy storage and several general rate cases. She is a board member of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners and a Steering Committee member of the California Plug-in Electric Vehicle Collaborative. Peterman holds a Doctor of Philosophy in Energy and Resources from The University of California Berkeley and a Master of Science and Master of Business Administration from Oxford University, where she was a Rhodes Scholar.

About Las Positas College

Las Positas College currently enrolls 8,000 students and offers curriculum for students seeking transfer to a four-year college or university, career preparation, or basic skills education. The College provides university transfer classes, retraining classes for those in need of employment or career advancement, a first-time educational opportunity for many adults, enrichment classes for those seeking a broader perspective, and career and technical training for those entering the technical and paraprofessional workforce.

Las Positas College is a learning-centered institution focused on excellence and student success. It is fully committed to supporting Tri-Valley residents in their quest for education and advancement. Las Positas College faculty and staff are distinguished by their energy, creativity, and commitment to making a difference in the lives of the students they serve and the future of the Tri-Valley region.

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