

May 31, 2023

Dr. Martha Garcia
Superintendent/President
College of the Desert
43-500 Monterey Avenue
Palm Desert, CA 92260

Dear Dr. Garcia:

The purpose of this letter is to confirm the dates for your institution's comprehensive review to assist ACCJC with determination of reaffirmation of accreditation, as well as the Chair and Vice Chair of the peer review team.

In preparation for this upcoming review, Dr. Tim Karas, Superintendent/President, Mendocino College, has been appointed Chair of the Peer Review Team, and Dr. Marilyn Flores, Superintendent/President of Rio Hondo College, has been appointed Vice Chair.

Team ISER Review: March 20, 2024

This will be a one-day meeting in which the team develops a series of Core Inquiries. The college does not participate in this event itself, and the date is for your information. Please know, however, that the team may ask for some additional evidence prior to the Team ISER Review. In order to kick off the college's review process, the Team Chair will contact you to schedule a virtual meet and greet session between the team and college personnel, as well as an open forum prior to Team ISER Review.

Focused Site Visit: Week of September 23, 2024

This will be an on-site visit to your institution in which the team will gather additional information via interviews, data requests, and meetings to discuss the Core Inquiries. We anticipate the Focused Site Visit will be a shorter visit with a smaller team; nevertheless, we ask you hold the entire week for flexibility in scheduling meetings.

To allow the team adequate preparation for the visit, the Institutional Self-Evaluation Report must be submitted no later than **December 15, 2023**. As your ACCJC liaison, I am happy to assist with any questions you may have throughout this entire process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gohar Momjian". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Gohar" being more prominent than the last name "Momjian".

Gohar Momjian, Ed.D.
Vice President

Cc: Mr. Val Garcia, Accreditation Liaison Officer

Enclosure