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Cuesta College's North County campus prepares for construction to start on new center

HIGHLIGHTS

The Campus Center will be one of the first major projects paid for by the \$275 million voter-approved Measure L

Measure L will also pay for a new instructional building on the San Luis Obispo campus

Cuesta officials expect both buildings to be under construction by summer



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Six large modular buildings on Cuesta College's North County campus in Paso Robles are being dismantled to make way for a 43,000-square-foot Campus Center, one of the first new buildings to be constructed with funds from Measure L, the college's \$275 million bond measure passed by voters in November 2014.

The new center will house a variety of student services — counseling, admissions and records, and financial aid — as well as the cafeteria, bookstore, health center and student life and leadership, according to the college's bond website.

The center's cost is estimated at \$30 million, including design and construction, said Terry Reece, Cuesta College's director of facilities services, planning and capital projects, maintenance, operations and grounds. Construction is expected to start toward the end of spring or in early summer and take about 18 months.

Plans for a new, 32,000-square-foot instructional center on the San Luis Obispo campus are a little farther along, with construction expected to start in late spring and last 16 months, Reece said. That \$20 million project will house eight 12,000-square-foot classrooms and one high-capacity 24,000-square-foot forum on the first floor, and offices and meeting rooms on the second floor.

The college board of trustees approved about \$4.8 million in contracts for design, architectural and construction management services for the two buildings about a year ago.

Reece said the college has awarded about 75 percent of the contracts for bond-related work so far to local contractors.

For more information on the bond, go to <http://cuestacollegebond.info/>.

