

Board of Trustees Agenda Item

Board Meeting Date: August 6, 2012

Title of Item: Foothill College Project #144 Central Campus Site Improvements: Request for Authorization to Negotiate and Approve Change Orders in excess of \$50,000 for Unforeseen Conditions

Background and Analysis:

Certain portions of the construction of the Foothill College Project #144, Central Campus Site Improvements, are planned to be completed during the summer to minimize the impact on the College's operations. Work on the project has proceeded well since it began in late May, but several issues related to existing soil conditions have been identified that limit the ability of the contractor to proceed as planned, and actions must be taken in a timely manner to avoid delays.

Although soil testing conducted before construction did not identify any unsuitable soils, samples taken during excavation discovered small concentrations of heavy metals and arsenic. While the concentrations of these substances at the levels identified are not hazardous, they are at levels that require proper handling and may involve disposing portions of the soil at an appropriate landfill site. In addition, concentrations of these metals can be unsuitable for productive plant growth, in which case the soil may require additional handling for proper disposal.

The project team is currently working through these issues to identify the best possible solution. Additional testing is taking place to determine the extent of the problem, and several options for resolution are being studied. The potential total cost of the solutions considered thus far is anticipated to not exceed \$100,000.

In order to mitigate project schedule impacts that would likely incur additional cost, approval of a construction change order related to these above described issues will be required before the next Board of Trustees meeting.

Recommendation: Approval of one time authorization for Charles Allen, Executive Director of Facilities, Operations and Construction Management to approve the construction change order described above in an amount not to exceed \$100,000

Submitted by:	Charles Allen x6150
Additional contact names:	Art Heinrich x6295, Shirley Treanor, x7364
Is backup provided?	No