

## CABRILLO COLLEGE SATELLITE CAMPUS

# Fate of new campus hinges on state

Scotts Valley officials  
wait on word from board

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SCOTTS VALLEY — Talks between Cabrillo College and the city over moving the school's satellite campus to a larger site started last fall, and picked up in earnest last month. But some of that momentum has been lost recently, and the move is now largely dependent on the outcome of state budget talks in Sacramento.

Mayor Dene Bustichi who sits on the city's economic development subcommittee, said he and Councilman Randy Johnson, who also sits on the subcommittee, have been in discussions with Cabrillo for about five months.

Up until earlier this week, Bustichi said he felt confident a lease agreement would be signed for the roughly 9,000-square-foot site on Kings Village Road, next to the library now under construction.

Now, however, those talks have slowed. City

officials are waiting on word from Cabrillo, and the college is waiting on word from Sacramento.

"We want to be sure before we enter into a long-term commitment that we have a sense of the landscape before us," said Cabrillo College President Brian King. The city's been great to work with and very welcoming, he added, "but given the uncertainty of the state budget, we've been very clear that we understand completely if they need to move forward with another tenant."

In fall 2007, the college began offering a full slate of classes, such as English and math, in its 7,350-square-foot satellite campus on Whispering Pines Drive.

The campus includes four classrooms, a reception area, and offices for faculty and staff, but Bustichi said it's essentially an office building, whereas the new site would offer more of a sense of permanency.

"The thing that we offer is a raw shell of a building that they can go into" and design to their own liking, with the added bonus of being next to the library and within walking

distance of the transit center, he said.

If Cabrillo does move forward with the lease agreement, King said classes likely would begin in fall 2012. Bustichi couldn't go into specifics about the lease agreement, but he did say Cabrillo would have a discounted lease for a certain number of years in exchange for improvements the college would make at the site.

At Wednesday's City Council meeting, a public hearing was opened to discuss the lease agreement, but no one came forward. Either way, city leaders had planned to continue the hearing to April 6, and possibly take action when the deal closed or soon after.

Meanwhile, the fate of the deal could be decided by April 11, when Cabrillo's board of trustees is expected to take up the issue during closed session.

"While I think the two entities are in agreement, the uncertainty that Cabrillo feels from the state budget is something they have concerns about," Bustichi said. "If this deal doesn't work, it will be because of something that happened within the state budget."