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## LOS RIOS BOARD TAPS GREENE AS NEW PRESIDENT OF AMERICAN RIVER COLLEGE

*EDITOR'S NOTE:* To request a photo of Thomas Greene, please email [winklet@losrios.edu](mailto:winklet@losrios.edu) or [bensonm@losrios.edu](mailto:bensonm@losrios.edu). (He will be available today for phone interviews from 10 a.m.-noon, at (530) 541-4660 ext. 214).

SACRAMENTO – Thomas Greene, a former Sacramento City College administrator, is returning to the Los Rios Community College District as the new president of American River College, following the District Board's action Wednesday night to appoint him to the post.

Greene, who is currently the vice president of Academic Affairs & Student Services at Lake Tahoe Community College, is expected to join American River College in early August. The college is the largest of the four Los Rios colleges, with a combined 31,500-plus students on its main campus and Natomas and McClellan centers, and an annual operating budget of about \$89 million.

“We're pleased to welcome Dr. Greene back to the capital region,” said Los Rios Board President Robert Jones. “He brings to his new responsibility an impressive array of accomplishments in collaborating with faculty and staff to achieve the educational aspirations of today's college students and the evolving workforce needs of the communities where they live.”

At Lake Tahoe Community College, Greene serves as chief learning and student services officer. He's been in the post since July 2010, after more than 2½ years at Sacramento City College as its associate vice president of Enrollment & Student Services. At SCC, he provided overall leadership to various student services operations and enrollment management efforts.

At American River College, Greene will replace David Viar, who resigned last June to take the post of superintendent/president of the Glendale Community College District. Since then, a series of current and retired Los Rios officials have served as interim president.

Greene, who grew up in the suburbs of Chicago, said he was drawn to the American River College presidency by the college's “strong reputation and its commitment to students. Serving as the next president of ARC represents a rare opportunity for me to work with an outstanding group of faculty, staff and administrators who are committed to supporting student learning and success.”

In all, Greene has 19 years of academic experience at community colleges and universities in California, Florida, Illinois, Minnesota and Texas. His posts included a stint as special assistant to the president of Valencia Community College in Orlando, Fla., and as a research associate for the Achieving the Dream Initiative at the University of Texas at Austin.

“Throughout his career, Dr. Greene has demonstrated a deep and abiding commitment to student access and student success – two values that are central to the core of the Los Rios Community College District,” said Chancellor Brian King. “I’m confident he’ll fit right in and I look forward to him joining our team.”

Greene’s community involvement includes his role as board chair of the Tahoe Prosperity Center, an innovative, non-profit collaborative comprised of a diverse group of regional leaders focused on the economic vitality and environmental sustainability of the Lake Tahoe Basin.

He has a bachelor’s degree in finance and a master’s in counseling from Northern Illinois University, and a doctorate in educational administration from the University of Texas at Austin.

### **ABOUT AMERICAN RIVER COLLEGE**

Founded in 1955, American River College is one of the largest institutions of higher learning in the greater Sacramento area. The college offers more than 100 degrees and 150 certificate programs. American River College is known for the excellence of its educational programs, from fine and applied arts to career technical education. For more information, go to: [arc.losrios.edu](http://arc.losrios.edu).

### **ABOUT LOS RIOS**

The Los Rios Community College District is one of the nation’s most respected learning institutions and the second-largest community college district in California, serving the greater Sacramento region. Los Rios includes: American River, Cosumnes River, Folsom Lake and Sacramento City colleges; six major education and outreach centers; and specialized workforce and economic development programs, for regional businesses, governments and organizations. Los Rios colleges offer AA/AS degrees, certificates and transfer-education opportunities in more than 70 career fields. The District’s 2,400 square-mile service area includes all of Sacramento County, most of El Dorado County and parts of Yolo, Placer and Solano counties. About 77,000 students are enrolled in the four Los Rios colleges. For more information, go to [www.losrios.edu](http://www.losrios.edu).

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