

Nishinaka named president of state center college board

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Ronald H. Nishinaka (Photo by Howard K. Watkins) Former Reedley College instructor Ronald H. Nishinaka was elected president of the State Center Community College District's Board of Trustees during its December meeting.

After teaching horticulture at Reedley College for 37 1/2 years, Nishinaka was elected to the SCCCD's Board of Trustees in November 2010. As president, he replaces former board president Patrick E. Patterson.

Outside of education, Nishinaka has served the Reedley community as mayor pro tem and city councilmember for two terms.

He is also past chairman of the Fresno County Southeast Regional Solid Waste Commission and currently works as a projects director for the nonprofit organization Tree Fresno.

Nishinaka graduated from Reedley College with an associate's degree in landscape horticulture and went on to earn a bachelor's degree from Fresno State and a master's degree from the University of San Francisco.

He obtained his vocational teaching credential through special studies at the University of California at Berkeley.

Nishinaka was joined in his new position by newly elected vice president of the board Richard M. Caglia and new secretary John Leal.

Together, they convene with four other board members to guide the [State Center Community College District](#) and its Central Valley campuses, including Fresno City College, Reedley College, Clovis Community College Center,

Madera Center and the Oakhurst Center.

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