CALIFORNIA EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES AUTHORITY TAX-EXEMPT SIMPLIFIED EQUIPMENT FINANCING PROGRAM

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Applicant: Saint Mary's College of **Amount Requested:** \$2,700,000

California ("SMC") Loan Term: 10 Years Moraga, CA Date Requested: April 26, 2007

Contra Costa County Resolution Number: E-6

Facility Type: Private University

Project Location: 1928 Saint Mary's Road, Moraga, CA 94556 **Accreditation:** Western Association of Schools and Colleges

Use of Proceeds: Proceeds will be used to acquire, upgrade and install a variety of energy and water conservation equipment, which will result in approximately \$153,000 annual savings.

Type of Issue: Private Placement Lease Financing

Security: First lien on equipment held by CitiMortgage, Inc.

Expected Rating: Unrated, however SMC has an underlying A3 rating with stable outlook

(Moody's)

Placement Agent: Municipal Finance Corporation (MFC)

Special Tax Counsel: Gilmore & Bell, PC

Financial Status: SMC continues to exhibit positive results from operating and nonoperating activities. The current year reflects an increase in unrestricted net assets of more than \$12.8 million. SMC's financial strength is sound with approximately \$205 million in total net assets.

Sources of Revenue – FYE 6/30/06 (000's):

(Unrestricted Funds)	<u>Amount</u>	Percent
Tuition and fees, net	\$69,393	74%
Sales and services of auxiliary enterprises	14,920	16%
Endowment income and realized gains	4,450	5%
Other sources	1,892	2%
Contributions	1,711	2%
Net assets released from restrictions	1,614	<u>1%</u>
Total unrestricted revenue	\$93,980	<u>100%</u>

Sources of funds:	Į	Jses o	of fur	ıds:

Proceeds	\$2,700,000	Equipment Lease/Purchase	\$2,700,000
Equity Contribution	50,000	Financing Costs	50,000
Total Sources	\$2,750,000	Total Uses	\$2,750,000

Legal Review: No information was disclosed to question the financial viability or legal integrity of the Applicant.

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends the Authority approve an equipment financing resolution for Saint Mary's College of California in an amount not to exceed \$2,700,000 with a term of 10 years.

STAFF SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATION TAX-EXEMPT SIMPLIFIED EQUIPMENT FINANCING PROGRAM

Saint Mary's College of California ("SMC")

April 26, 2007 Resolution Number: E-6

I. PURPOSE OF FINANCING: SMC plans to update its campus with various energy and water conserving equipment. The college expects to realize annual savings of nearly \$153,000, or \$3.3 million over the 25-year life of the program, through its energy conservation measures. SMC has the option to purchase the equipment under the terms of the Lease Agreement.

Equipment\$2,700,000

There are seven main categories of energy and water conservation equipment to be installed throughout the campus. The following provides a brief description:

- Replace rooftop units on McKeon Gym
- Replace multizones on Le Fevre Threatre
- Replace boilers in De La Salle Hall
- Install campus-wide electrical sub-metering at 31 sites
- Install PC power management software on all 1,100 networked based computers
- Add redundant boilers in De La Sall Hall
- Retrofit 202 light fixtures with new lamps and ballasts in McKeon Gym

Financing costs	<u>50,000</u>
Program Fees and Counsel Fees\$47,975	
CEFA Fee	
TOTAL USES OF FUNDS	2 <u>,750,000</u>

Financing Structure:

- Tax-exempt lease financing.
- Privately placed with CitiMortgage, Inc.
- Ten-year lease financing fully amortized.
- Fixed interest rate estimated to be 3.94%.
- Estimated monthly payment is \$26,772.
- CitiMortgage, Inc will be granted a first priority security interest on the equipment.

II. FINANCIAL ANALYSIS:

Saint Mary's College of California Statement of Activities Unrestricted

	Fiscal Year Ended June 30,			
	2006	2005	2004	
Operating:				
Revenues:				
Tuition and fees, net	\$69,392,777	\$ 67,046,960	\$62,089,184	
Sales and services of auxiliary enterprises	14,919,861	13,988,590	13,166,082	
Contributions	1,711,201	2,270,024	1,815,027	
Investment income	527,503	180,665	43,221	
Endowment income and realized gains distributed	4,450,113	4,245,778	4,327,727	
Other income	1,364,932	716,793	970,044	
Net assets released from restrictions	1,613,816	2,218,574	1,861,591	
Total operating revenue	93,980,203	90,667,384	84,272,876	
Expenses:				
Instruction and academic support	33,970,556	33,164,793	32,898,012	
Academic support	7,997,549	11,715,371	9,549,610	
Student services	12,404,827	11,716,617	11,347,223	
Institutional support	15,006,241	15,244,178	14,759,444	
Operations and plant maintenance	6,163,794	6,109,753	6,116,863	
Other	-	19,308	38,227	
Interest expense	1,989,861	2,120,424	2,205,000	
Depreciation expense	4,329,731	3,135,752	779,134	
Auxiliary services	7,093,252	6,904,687	6,327,528	
Total operating expenses	88,955,811	90,130,883	84,021,041	
Increase in unrestricted net assets from operations	5,024,392	536,501	251,835	
Nonoperating:				
Contributions	548,027	-	-	
Net gains and income on endowment	1,662,224	4,041,596	9,994,503	
Net gains and income on other investments	880,579	136,209	218,874	
Depreciation	-	(1,265,268)	(4,498,778)	
Write-off of unamortized bond discount upon defeasance	-	-	(1,899,913)	
Write-off of construction in progress on abandoned project	(1,432,226)	-	-	
Unrealized (loss) gain on interest rate swaps	2,391,988	(1,518,119)	154,467	
Other	2,981,121	19,363	36,698	
Actuarial adjustments	557	(2,593)	(4,151)	
Net assets released from restrictions	3,222,788	1,539,101	3,316,186	
Non-operating increase in unrestricted net assets	10,255,058	2,950,289	7,317,886	
Change in accounting principle	(2,503,460)			
Increase in unrestricted net assets	12,775,990	3,486,790	7,569,721	
UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS, BEGINNING OF YEAR	86,901,038	83,414,248	75,844,527	
UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR	\$99,677,028	\$ 86,901,038	\$83,414,248	

Saint Mary's College of California <u>Statement of Financial Position</u>

		As of June 30,			
	2006	2005	2004		
ASSETS:					
Current assets:					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 10,264,841	\$ 5,053,762	\$ 4,469,572		
Investments	22,379,195	21,361,995	20,713,104		
Student receivable, net	1,218,346	1,001,577	799,403		
Contributions receivable, net	562,140	762,517	881,924		
Accounts receivable, other	556,244	526,353	508,010		
Inventory	106,485	113,719	74,799		
Prepaid expenses	1,788,741	1,376,755	1,418,404		
Total current assets	36,875,992	30,196,678	28,865,216		
Noncurrent Assets	, ,	, ,	, ,		
Investments	135,669,897	125,503,559	118,445,887		
Contributions receivable, net	11,877,258	10,732,002	10,839,633		
Notes receivable, net	1,678,152	1,862,057	1,814,176		
Other assets	2,786,693	1,845,017	2,099,319		
Property, plant and equipment, net	81,966,146	84,738,088	86,495,672		
Total noncurrent assets	233,978,146	224,680,723	219,694,687		
Total assets	\$ 270,854,138	\$ 254,877,401	\$ 248,559,903		
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS: Current liabilities Accounts payable and accrued liabilities Current portion of long-term debt Deferred revenue Total current liabilities Noncurrent Liabilities Liabilities under trust agreements Long-term debt, excluding current portion Asset retirement obligations Federal government grants refundable Total noncurrent liabilities Total liabilities Net assets: Unrestricted Temporarily Restricted	\$ 6,613,914 2,265,113 4,534,399 13,413,426 1,592,304 46,275,255 2,503,460 2,075,006 52,446,025 65,859,451	\$ 6,534,141 2,201,178 4,850,621 13,585,940 1,658,243 48,540,368 2,049,543 52,248,154 65,834,094 86,901,038 23,141,786	\$ 4,421,303 3,704,454 4,659,919 12,785,676 1,524,248 49,166,546 		
Permanently Restricted	77,938,581	79,000,483	77,234,755		
TOTAL NET ASSETS	204,994,687	189,043,307	183,125,995		
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$ 270,854,138	\$ 254,877,401	\$ 248,559,903		
Financial Ratios:					
Proform					
FYE June 3	30, 20 <u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2004</u>		
Debt service coverage (x) 4.25	4.56	1.50	2.78		
Debt to expendable net assets (x) 0.80	0.78	0.93	0.94		
Expendable net assets to operations (x)	0.70	0.61	0.67		
Margin (%)	5.30	0.60	0.30		

⁽a) Recalculates 2006 results to include the impact of this proposed financing. The proforma debt service coverage based on operating results only is 3.81 times.

Financial Discussion:

SMC continues to exhibit positive results from operating and nonoperating activities. The current year reflects an increase in unrestricted net assets of more than \$12.8 million.

Operating revenues totaled \$93.4 million, increasing by \$3.3 million or 3.7% in FY 2006 as compared to FY 2005. This increase can be primarily attributed to an increase in net tuition and fee income and to an increase in sales and services of auxiliary enterprises.

Operating expenses totaled \$88.9 million, decreasing by \$1.2 million or 1.3% as compared to the prior fiscal year. This decrease is due mainly to cost saving measures, staff salary savings, and lower expenditure levels in the College's School of Extended Education, which is in the process of "teaching-out" its programs.

The increase in net assets from operations totaled \$4.5 million, representing a significant increase from the \$0.9 million decrease in net assets from operations from the prior fiscal year. This increase reflects both the increase in operating revenues and the decrease in operating expenses from the prior year. Also, an increase in unrestricted net assets from nonoperating activities totaled \$13.9 million and increased by \$7.3 million or 247.6% due to increased contributions from donors for capital projects. Of note, the change in accounting principle category totaled \$2.5 million and reflects the recording of SMC's asset retirement obligations.

SMC's financial strength is sound with approximately \$205 million in total net assets.

In FY 2006, total net assets increased by \$15.9 million or 6.3% from the prior year due to increases in cash and cash equivalents related to improved operating results, the market appreciation of endowment investments and new endowment gifts, and increased net contributions receivable from fundraising.

The balance sheet remains strong with moderate debt. SMC maintains nearly \$205 million in total net assets. The debt service coverage ratio increased significantly in the current year to 4.56x. The pro forma debt service ratio coverage remains very strong at 4.25x.

Through this financing, SMC expects to realize annual savings of nearly \$153,000, or \$3.3 million over the 25-year life of the program with its energy conservation measures.

III. BACKGROUND:

General:

SMC is one of the oldest colleges in the West. Founded in San Francisco in 1863, its stewardship was assumed by the Christian Brothers in 1868. After its 1872 California Incorporation, SMC was given a charter empowering it to confer degrees and to exercise all other privileges of a university. The campus was relocated to Oakland in 1889 and then moved to its present site in Moraga in 1928 where it continues to offer a comprehensive array of liberal arts and professional undergraduate and graduate programs.

Accreditations and Affiliations:

SMC is accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges. It also has professional accreditation from the following organizations: Commission on Teacher Credentialing, California State Board of Registered Nursing, National League for Nursing, American Bar Association, Montessori Accreditation Council for Teacher Education, American Association of Museums, and National Collegiate Athletic Association.

In addition to the accreditation organizations listed above, SMC is affiliated with the following organizations: American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education, American Association of Colleges of Nursing, American Montessori Society, Association of American Colleges and Universities, Association of Catholic Universities and Colleges, Association of Independent California Colleges and universities, California Association of Colleges for Teacher Education, Council for Advancement and Support of Education, Council for Higher Education Accreditation, Council of Independent Colleges, Executive MBA Council, Institute of International Education, Internal Association of Lasallian Institutions of Higher Education, and National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities.

Academic Programs:

SMC is organized into five schools, School of Liberal Arts, School of Science, School of Economics and Business Administration, School of Education, and School of Extended Education, which provide the programs of study for students at the undergraduate and graduate levels.

IV. OUTSTANDING DEBT:

	0	riginal Issue	Amount Outstanding as of 6/30/06		Estimated Amount Outstanding After Proposed Financing	
Issue:		Amount				
Existing CEFA:		,				
Revenue Bonds, 2001	\$	24,000,000	\$	22,525,000	\$	22,525,000
Revenue Bonds, 2003		25,375,000		22,825,000		22,825,000
CEFA Equipment Financing 2004		1,700,000		1,214,368		1,214,368
Other:						
Housing Bonds, 1964		2,963,000		506,000		506,000
Note Payable to Bank, due 2020		2,100,000		1,470,000		1,470,000
Proposed:						
CEFA Equipment Financing 2007						2,700,000
Total	\$	56,138,000	\$	48,540,368	\$	51,240,368

V. **DUE DILIGENCE**:

Due diligence has been completed with regard to the following items:

- Religious Due Diligence
- Legal Review
- Compliance with Assembly Bill 1341 California Environmental Quality Act

VI. STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the Authority approve an equipment financing resolution for Saint Mary's College of California in an amount not to exceed \$2,700,000 with a term of 10 years.