

### **More jobs could be cut at Cuesta College**

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Cuesta College announced Friday it had received additional cutbacks from the state, and is proposing to reduce or eliminate 13 positions from its Disabled Student Programs and Services office.

D.S.P.S. serves students with disabilities and special needs with specialized classes, learning materials, and counseling.

The community college says its funding from the state for that program was reduced by 55 percent.

It estimates the changes will save \$260,780.

"We regret the inconvenience this may cause our students and the economic hardship this will cause our staff," said Stephan Gunsaulus, director of marketing and communications. "We are doing all we possibly can to mitigate the effects these budget cuts are having on our students, staff and faculty."

The college is offering unemployment insurance, health insurance options and access to training resources to displaced workers who qualify for the U.S. Department of Labor's Rapid Response program.

The Board will vote on the proposed cutbacks at its next meeting on Wednesday, October 7 at 4 p.m. at the San Luis Obispo Campus.

The proposed cuts come one month after Cuesta College announced it would cut two non-teaching positions and reduce hours for 37 of its classified employees.

The college is trying to balance a \$4.8 million dollar shortfall this year, because of a drop in state funding.