

Peralta TV and KGPC Five-Year Plan

Peralta TV celebrated its 40th anniversary in 2020. The station was originally built and run by students. It currently broadcasts a lineup of non-commercial and Peralta-oriented productions. KGPC radio began as an online service called 9th Floor Radio about 15 years ago and went on-air as a low power FM station at 100 watts in 2016. Operations have suffered in recent years as COVID-19 radically changed the way we all work. This five-year plan sets out ways to involve staff and students at the colleges to help increase content creation. A new production facility could help increase staff productivity. The plan tries to incorporate technology trends that are emerging. Each year has three sections: 1) an operational section deals with goals; 2) a technical section details ways to support those goals through equipment purchases; and 3) aspirational goals are more visionary and likely require support or money from outside our immediate organization.

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Year 1 - 2023

Operations

- Prepare for widescreen changeover by saving program files in 720HD as well as
- Review on-air look and feel.
- New station IDs and graphics. Include Peralta Gems topics as bulletin board items
- Begin prep for radio license renewal.
- Add video so Radio shows are available for TV broadcast.
- Zoom talk show as a precursor for bringing back in-person Peralta Matters production.

Technical

- Master control upgrades including new server (Tightrope 7.1) multiviewer and shared storage.
- Incorporate technology that can take live streams (YouTube, Zoom, HLS) direct to air.
- Update and expand closed captioning system.



- Finish pre-covid boardroom work; replace projector; work out higher quality transmission to master control.
- New radio automation system; transmitter automation.

Aspirations

Lobby for future studio space

Year 2 - 2024

Operations

- Increase production capacity with focus on organic PCCD programs and events
- bring back monthly talk show
- Increase PSPAN events, short Peralta News and Academic Excellence videos.
- Begin planning for major boardroom video and AV overhaul.
- Renew radio license, increase college related airtime.

Technical

- Begin broadcasting in widescreen format.
- Production equipment upgrades, especially to multicamera remote systems.
- Production equipment for college PIO and AV staff to encourage content contribution.
- Rough drawings and equipment list for media production building.
- Finish upgrades of network switches and mass storage devices.
- Replace older editing station computers.

Aspirational

- Work more closely with college PIOs and AV people to increase content contributions.
- General Services begins work on production building.
- Develop relationships with faculty in Media and Journalism departments so Peralta TV and KGPC can help serve instructional mission.

Year 3 - 2025

Operational

- Add sports production and increase use of student interns and employees.
- Move maintenance functions toward contracted services using PEG funds.
- Begin student generated programming with faculty supervision.
- Increase production by freeing technical staff to produce more.
- Introduce College President, student trustee, and student ambassador reports.

Technical

Identify go-live sites for each campus; install mini studio systems.



- New equipment particularly cameras and audio gear to support sports production
- Major boardroom video/AV renovation (contracted.)
- Increase video over IP usage

Aspirational

- Finalize building plans with General Services, break ground.
- Offer for-credit and for-pay work to students at Peralta TV and KGPC.

Year 4 - 2026

Operational

- Introduce more content contributions from the campuses into the broadcast schedule.
- Create ongoing roles for student employees.
- Start simple studio productions from new facility

Technical

- Occupy new building, Install systems for quick setup, small crew production and audio work.
- Continue to outfit sports venues for broadcasts and recordings.
- Plan for Laney TV studio renovation.

Aspirational

- Work with community partners to find a better transmitter location for KGPC.
- Increase for-credit offerings involving TV and radio.

Year 5 - 2027

Operational

- Use new production area to increase media production
- Assist faculty and staff using production facility
- Renew 5-year plan for staffing and technical needs.

Technical

- Replace and update production equipment.
- Create second mobile production unit.
- Prepare for all video-over-IP changeover.
- Move radio transmitter.
- Laney studio renovation