

ENERGY AND SUSTAINABILITY

The Board understands it has a responsibility to its local communities to operate its facilities in ways that are efficient, sustainable, and cost-effective and is committed to ensuring the District supports resource and environmental conservation. The District shall maintain a Sustainability and Energy Plan (SAEP) and an Integrated Energy Master Plan (IEMP) to guide the District in ways of supporting the ability and use of resources to meet both present and future generational needs.

The District shall establish environmental and organizational practices conducive to student learning and the health and well-being of the community. Using the college campuses as a living laboratory, students, faculty, and staff will develop environmental sustainability knowledge and skills, promote a deeper understanding of sustainability, and create interdisciplinary connections between college and District operations, the academic experience of students, and the broader community.

The District will strive to meet the statewide goals adopted by the California Air Resources Board (CARB), California Community College Board of Governors, and Governor's Executive Order (EO) B-30-15 including, but not limited to, the following:

1. Reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions.
2. Promoting the use of alternative transportation and/or alternative fuels.
3. Constructing and renovating buildings to green standards.
4. Reducing potable water usage.
5. Reducing municipal solid waste.
6. Procuring sustainable products.

The Board delegates to the Chancellor, or designee, the authority to exercise environmental stewardship, develop educational opportunities, promote environmentally responsible business processes, and economically manage the use of buildings, lands, and natural resources toward increased sustainability.