

B.10.1 (Policy) Environmental Sustainability

Responsible Department: Chancellor's Office

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The Board of Trustees delegates the Chancellor or designee the responsibility to develop, manage, and direct the College District's Sustainability Program. The sustainability mission of the College District is "meeting our needs today while ensuring that future generations retain the ability to meet their needs." The College District embraces environmental, social and economic sustainability by making provisions and taking responsibility for its decisions and actions.

As such, the College District will promote sustainability by: 1) supporting sustainability literacy and stewardship across the curriculum; 2) reducing the rate at which it contributes to the depletion of natural resources and degradation of the environment; 3) increasing the use of renewable resources; and 4) incorporating measures that enhance the physical environment.

Priorities and decisions regarding College District properties, facilities and operations will be shaped with reference to their environmental, social and economic impact. The Chancellor or designee will periodically advise the community of the College District's progress in this area.

Building renovations and new building construction that is LEED certified at any level requires the preparation of an economic analysis and comparison to non LEED certified construction. The economic analysis includes, but is not limited to Return-On-Investment, Benefit Cost Ratio Comparison, Life Cycle Cost comparison or other appropriate methods. These economic analysis methods will be used to determine the budget impacts of constructing LEED certified versus non LEED certified construction. The budget impacts will be used to determine whether or not new building construction or building renovation projects are LEED certified at any level or non LEED certified.