



Rancho Santiago Community College District  
**Sustainable RSCCD Committee**

**Meeting Notes**

March 16, 2022

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| Members: | Carri Matsumoto     | Present |
|          | Bart Hoffman        | Present |
|          | Arleen Satele       | Present |
|          | Linda Melendez      | Present |
|          | Jose Vargas         | Present |
|          | Vanessa Engtrom     | Present |
|          | Charlie Malone      | Present |
|          | Ambar Nakagami      | Present |
|          | Tanisha Burrus      | Absent  |
|          | Simone Wolfe        | Present |
|          | Avinash Ramaswamy   | Present |
|          | Daniela Derramadero | Absent  |
|          | Sebastian Pinteá    | Absent  |
|          | Elisabeth Neely     | Present |
| Guests:  | Hugo Curiel         | Present |
|          | Lisa Imai           | Present |

Assistant Vice Chancellor, Carri Matsumoto convened the meeting at 3:02 p.m.

1. Introductions

Committee members and guests introduced themselves.

2. Meeting Notes of November 17, 2021

Ms. Matsumoto noted the meeting notes from the November 17, 2021 meeting were attached to the agenda for today's meeting and asked the committee if they had any questions, comments or edits. Mr. Hoffman noted there was discussion regarding paper reduction training. Ms. Matsumoto noted this was discussed at the committee meeting on September 15, 2021. Ms. Melendez noted their department is going to do a full inventory of what documents they have stored at Schick.

3. Reducing Plastic and Paper Use Signage and Tips

Ms. Matsumoto asked the committee to share the materials posted on the SRC website to help reduce plastic and paper use at RSCCD. The documents

included a list of tips, sustainable swaps and Reducing Plastic and Paper Use at RSCCD in 3 easy steps: 1) Refuse unnecessary paper and plastic products, 2) Reuse the paper and plastic you do end up with, and 3) shop Sustainability to minimize future plastic and paper use.

4. Recycle and Landfill Signs

Ms. Matsumoto noted the recycle and landfill signs will be unveiled at the Earth Day events at the SRC booth. A standard for indoor and outdoor waste receptacles needs to be created.

5. Sustainability Plan Update

Ms. Matsumoto noted the current Sustainability Plan was approved in 2015 and a new update will be done in 2025. A workgroup with participation from the committee members will need to be created to help. The goals in the 2015 Sustainability Plan are currently being evaluated and compared to the goals in the State plan to see if there are correlations and how the District is doing.

6. Earth Day Events

Ms. Satele noted that SCC will be hosting activities all week long for Earth Day starting April 18 - April 21, 2022. Ms. Engstrom noted the first day event called "Save the Bees" is about conserve to preserve and will be highlighted by Biology & Geography, the second day event called "Turn the Tide" is about acidification of the oceans and highlighted by Chemistry & Earth Science, and the third day event called "Clean & Green" is about pollution and highlighted by Physics & Engineering. EarthFest will take place from 10:00am – 2:00 pm on April 21, 2022. Ms. Nakagami noted there will be Tesla vehicles on display and some farmers market stands at EarthFest. Ms. Neely noted she is utilizing her good relationship with the Mayor to promote this event to the City so the whole community can be involved and thanked Mr. Hoffman for the idea of turning Earth Day into a week-long event. Mr. Ramaswamy noted SAC is in the process of making marketing materials for Sustain-A-Palooza on Wednesday, April 20, 2022 from 11am-2pm followed by another event tailored to students from 3pm-6pm. The resource fair will be outside between Johnson Student Center (JSC) and Russell Hall and the second part will be inside JSC and lunch will be provided for students. Professor Shelly Moore and Captain Charles Moore will be key note speakers. Marketing materials will also be distributed to the community after they are completed. Mr. Hoffman noted Mr. Ramaswamy has done a phenomenal job working with the college to plan this event.

7. College Updates

Mr. Hoffman noted SAC recently completed an accreditation meeting and thanked Ms. Matsumoto for leading the District's Sustainability committee and ensuring the colleges are focused on sustainability efforts. Ms. Satele noted that SCC is planning to incorporate more sustainable landscaping if the college receives scheduled maintenance funding next year and also thanked Ms. Matsumoto for leading the District's Sustainability committee.

8. Other

Ms. Matsumoto noted the next biennial Sustainability Report will be due June 2023. The report captures a review of all our accomplishments that relate to the Sustainability Plan goals, course curriculum, course offerings, what has been taught over the last couple of years that contribute towards the area of sustainability and events. Ms. Matsumoto asked committee members to send information that could be used in the next report. Mr. Ramaswamy wanted to give a shout out to students from the Environmental club because they were interviewed during SAC's accreditation and were so involved with sustainability.

9. Next Meeting Date

***The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 18, 2022, at 3 p.m. via Zoom or TBD.***

Meeting Adjournment: 3:43 p.m.