



Rancho Santiago Community College District
Sustainable RSCCD Committee

Meeting Notes

March 20, 2024

Members:	Carri Matsumoto	Present
	Bart Hoffman	Present
	Arleen Satele	Present
	Linda Melendez	Present
	Joanne Armstrong	Present
	Jim Kennedy	Present
	Tae Kim	Present
	Kelvin Leeds	Absent
	Craig Ursuy	Absent
	Vanessa Engstrom	Present
	Daniel Oase	Absent
	Hugo Curiel	Present
	Ambar Nakagami	Present
	Tanisha Burrus	Absent
	Simone Wolfe	Present
	Genesis Garcia	Present
	Daniel Barragan	Absent
	Gio Mondragon	Absent
	Gabriel Lopez	Absent
Guests:	Lisa Imai	Present
	David Nakagami	Present
	Conor McKenzie	Present

Assistant Vice Chancellor, Carri Matsumoto convened the meeting at 3:03 p.m.

1. Introductions

Committee members and guests introduced themselves.

2. Meeting Notes of November 15, 2023

Ms. Matsumoto noted the meeting notes from the November 15, 2023 meeting were attached to the agenda for today's meeting and asked the committee if they had any questions, comments or edits. There were no changes.

3. Biennial Report Covering FY24-25

Ms. Matsumoto noted the google doc will be sent out to the colleges after the Earth Day events to put updates in for the new report.

4. Future Update to Sustainability Plan

Ms. Matsumoto asked the committee if they wanted to wait to update the Sustainability Master Plan after the District's Comprehensive Master Plan and the college Educational Master Plans are approved. The new cycle of planning will probably be every eight years. Ms. Satele noted it would be good if we followed the new cycle of planning to have the same timeline for the plan updates. Ms. Matsumoto noted it is beneficial that we have already begun the process to update the Sustainability Plan and we can discuss the schedule of planning more at the next meeting.

Mr. Curiel shared a snapshot of the workgroup schedule and progress to show the committee what has been discussed already and what is coming up. He noted the workgroup will be meeting next to discuss procurement and waste. The workgroup progress will be shared in greater detail at the next meeting.

Ms. Melendez noted the District is working on complying with SB 1383 which is the organic waste reduction program and new practices will be implemented across the District. The District needs to comply with SB 1383 before January 1, 2025. The District has a new waste hauler, CR&R, that will help comply with this requirement. There will be many upcoming meetings with the colleges to discuss the implementation of these new practices and the first meeting will be held on May 9, 2024. Ms. Matsumoto noted SB 1383 will become a standing topic on the Sustainable SRC Committee meeting agendas.

5. Earth Day Events

Mr. Curiel noted an Earth Day survey was created to gather information from students, faculty and staff to see how important sustainability is to everyone and how sustainable they think the District is and went through the survey questions.

Ms. Melendez noted CR&R will be attending both college Earth Day events and bringing educational materials that show what gets recycled, how it gets recycled and what happens in the environment if we don't recycle.

6. College Updates

Ms. Satele noted SCC is finalizing preparation for the college's Earth Day event on April 25, 2024.

Mr. Kennedy noted SAC will have upcoming meetings to discuss the college's Sustain-A-Palooza event.

7. Other

Ms. Matsumoto asked the committee if they had any other items for discussion, questions or comments. There were none. Ms. Matsumoto encouraged everyone to attend the Earth Day events at both colleges.

8. Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 15, 2024, at 3:00 p.m. via Zoom.

Meeting Adjournment: 4:00 p.m.