



Rancho Santiago Community College District
Sustainable RSCCD Committee

Meeting Notes

September 16, 2026

Members:	Carri Matsumoto	Present
	Iris Ingram	Absent
	Linda Melendez	Absent
	Joanne Armstrong	Absent
	Jim Kennedy	Present
	Kelvin Leeds	Present
	Claudia Ruesga	Present
	Vanessa Engstrom	Present
	Daniel Oase	Present
	Alejandro Alcala	Present
	Jaime Vejar	Present
	Ambar Nakagami	Present
	Simone Wolfe	Present
	Nithin Tolety	Present
Guests:	Joe Melendez	Present
	Hugo Curiel	Absent
	David Nakagami	Present
	Francisco Gonzalez	Present
	Lisa Imai	Present
	Conor McKenzie	Present

Asst. Vice Chancellor, Carri Matsumoto convened the meeting at 3:04 p.m.

1. Introductions

Committee members and guests introduced themselves.

2. Sustainable RSCCD Committee Purpose and Responsibilities

Ms. Matsumoto presented purpose and responsibilities for the committee. She noted this is an ad-hoc committee, presented the information and asked for feedback/comments. Committee had no changes.

3. Sustainable RSCCD Committee Membership

Ms. Matsumoto discussed the committee membership and how it is comprised of different representatives from both colleges and the District. Committee had no changes.

4. Meeting Notes of May 20, 2026

Ms. Matsumoto noted the meeting notes from the May 20, 2026 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.

5. Sustainable RSCCD Committee Field Trips

Mr. Alcala noted the purpose of the field trips and how they relate to the District's Sustainability Master Plan. He encouraged the committee to provide future field trip recommendations. Mr. Alcala announced the next field trip to the Mt. SAC Wildlife Sanctuary and reminded members to submit their availability in the field trip poll.

6. Sustainability Updates

Mr. Alcala presented the sustainability flyers. Ms. Matsumoto posed a question to the colleges about the process of posting flyers. Both colleges confirmed the flyers need to be stamped by ASG before they can be posted on campus. The flyers will be shared with committee members and can be distributed to fellow peers. Ms. Matsumoto suggested to Mr. Alcala to review the current sustainability landing page to host the flyers.

Mr. Alcala presented the sustainability dashboard and gave an overview of the different tabs. Some of the faculty members expressed interest in utilizing the data in some of their courses and asked when the dashboard will be available. Ms. Matsumoto informed them the data will be published on the sustainability webpage before the end of the year so it can be publicly available to everyone.

Mr. Alcala provided an overview of the SCC Microgrid Study and the purpose of the study. Ms. Matsumoto recommended to provide slideshow of the SCC Microgrid for the next SRC agenda.

Ms. Matsumoto discussed water conservation efforts and how district is working on continued efforts for water conservation/compliance with the state requirements.

7. College Updates

Mr. Gonzalez noted efforts taken by SCC relating to irrigation and HVAC repairs to reduce their energy and water consumption at the campus.

Mr. Kennedy noted no updates for SAC.

8. Other

Ms. Matsumoto noted about stormwater preparation work for potential stormwater events.

9. Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 18, 2026, at 3:00 p.m. via Zoom.

Meeting Adjournment: 3:54 p.m.