



CLIMATE ACTION AND SUSTAINABILITY POLICY

Climate change is one of the most pressing and critical issues of our time, requiring our collective attention to explore actions and solutions.

The California Community Colleges has been a bold proponent of climate actions, energy conservation and other sustainability measures. In 2019, the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges adopted the Climate Change and Sustainability Policy, which provided systemwide goals and guidance to align with the key climate change strategy pillars of conservation, sustainability and reducing energy consumption.

Building on this important work, the updated Climate Action and Sustainability Framework provides eight revised goals and recommendations for the 73 California community college districts to track progress towards the goals for 2025, 2030 and 2035, the target year for the state of California to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 100% below the baseline.

Climate Action and Sustainability Goals/Key Benchmarks

1. GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS REDUCTION

Create an action plan by 2025 to reduce campus/district greenhouse gas emissions.

2. GREEN BUILDINGS

Develop campus-wide zero net energy strategy and reduce use of natural gas in buildings.

3. ENERGY

Develop a plan to reduce energy use intensity and increase site electrical consumption using renewable energy.

4. WATER

Reduce potable water usage and plan for water-efficient landscaping.

5. WASTE

Reduce material consumption and strive to achieve zero waste to landfill.

6. PURCHASING AND PROCUREMENT

Increase procurement of sustainable products and services.

7. TRANSPORTATION

Develop Electric Vehicle charging infrastructure; promote mass transport methods; and improve pedestrian and bicycle access.

8. FOOD SYSTEMS

Increase campus sustainable food purchases.



To learn more about each goal, read the full [Climate Action and Sustainability Framework](#).

