

**BP 5775 SUSTAINABILITY/ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBILITY**

**References:**

California Code of Regulations, Title 5, Sections 57050-57055

The Riverside Community College District recognizes its responsibility to exercise environmental stewardship and to economically manage the use of buildings, land and natural resources. It is the intent of the district to create a set of operating principles and guidelines in the execution of its responsibilities to facilities' design and operation; campus management and teaching and learning, thereby minimizing negative environmental impacts of activities under its control and oversight.

**Principles and Guidelines of Sustainable Stewardship**

1. Responsible and thoughtful utilization of land under its control;
2. Strive to make as energy efficient as economically practical, heating, ventilation, air conditioning, lighting systems, and all other mechanical (pumps, etc.) and building systems within the District;
3. Pursuant to Board Resolution 13-09/10, all new facilities of the District will be planned, designed and constructed to meet LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certification standards and, to the greatest extent practical, major renovations are to be designed to also meet LEED standards.
4. Promote initiatives that advance a sustainable environment by partnerships with energy production and other agencies, public and private.
5. Operating practices District-wide that demonstrate the commitment to sustainable management, such as, but not limited to, recycling programs, waste reduction, modified irrigation systems to minimize water usage and/or the use of reclaimed water, xeriscape and the use of native and drought resistant plants in landscaping projects.
6. Encouragement of curriculum in environmental sustainability.

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