

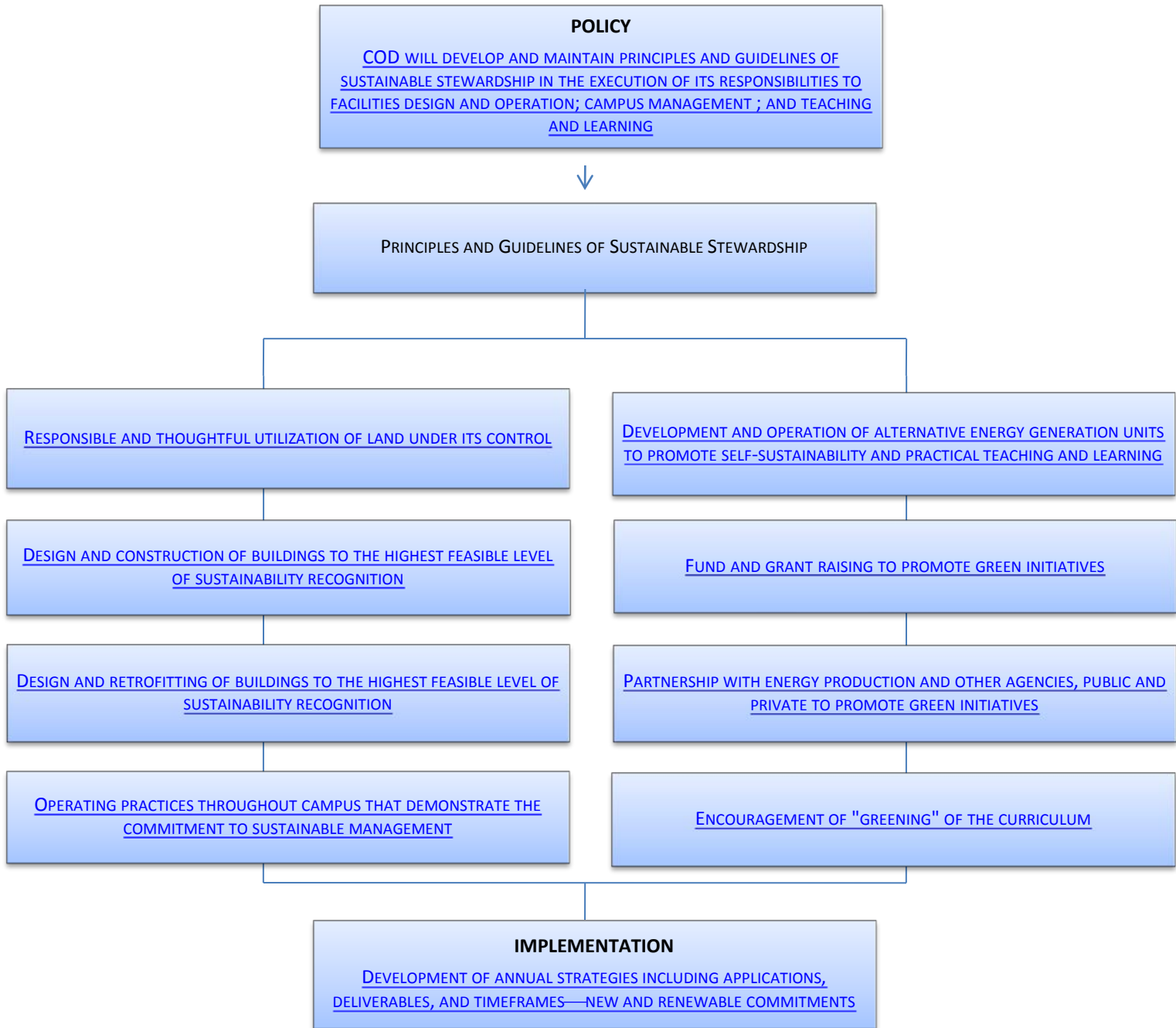


# Desert Community College District

## Policy on Sustainability Stewardship

### ("Walking the Green Talk")

November 10, 2010



COD WILL DEVELOP AND MAINTAIN PRINCIPLES AND  
GUIDELINES OF SUSTAINABLE STEWARDSHIP IN THE  
EXECUTION OF ITS RESPONSIBILITIES TO FACILITIES DESIGN  
AND OPERATION; CAMPUS MANAGEMENT; AND TEACHING  
AND LEARNING

- AB 32 & SB 375, commitment to meeting State greenhouse gas emissions legislation.
- 5 Year Plans, working toward 2020 compliance.
- Determination of actual and targeted carbon footprints and tracking of progress through emissions inventory.
- Presidents' Climate Commitment, ascribe to national movement.
- Valley Alliances – Coachella Valley Association of Governments (CVAG), Coachella Valley Sustainability Pledge - April 17, 2009; Signatories to the Coachella Valley Sustainability Pledge

# RESPONSIBLE AND THOUGHTFUL UTILIZATION OF LAND UNDER ITS CONTROL

- Design / Utilization guidelines
- Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) recognition, at predetermined level, for East Valley Center (EVC) and West Valley Center (WVC) at campus level.
- Sustainable sites
- Water and sewer efficiency

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# OPERATING PRACTICES THROUGHOUT CAMPUS THAT DEMONSTRATE THE COMMITMENT TO SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT

- Recycling – green waste, food waste (cafeteria), paper recycling (indoor), cans, bottles, etc., recycling (outdoor), and recycling of ink cartridges, batteries, cell phones and other hazardous wastes
- Purchasing Policy (recycled materials, selective sourcing and energy efficient equipment)
- Rideshare, alternate transportation
- Class scheduling
- Incentives and consequences

DEVELOPMENT AND OPERATION OF  
ALTERNATIVE ENERGY GENERATION UNITS TO  
PROMOTE SELF-SUSTAINABILITY AND  
PRACTICAL TEACHING AND LEARNING

- WVC
- EVC
- Palm Desert



# FUND AND GRANT RAISING TO PROMOTE GREEN INITIATIVES

- Foundation
- Co-funding of improvements, federal and state initiatives
- Means of providing internal incentives
- Fundraising strategy, drawing on COD's green reputation

PARTNERSHIP WITH ENERGY PRODUCTION AND  
OTHER AGENCIES, PUBLIC AND PRIVATE TO  
PROMOTE GREEN INITIATIVES

- Southern California Edison; Imperial Irrigation District
- Colmac Energy, Inc.
- California Climate Action Registry
- State, National, International
- US Green Building Council

# ENCOURAGEMENT OF “GREENING” OF THE CURRICULUM

- Direct and indirect program content
- Practicum, service learning
- Incentives
- Output units attached to programs, e.g., organic planting, cultivating, preparation, cooking, restaurant service— total business operation managed by students

# DEVELOPMENT OF ANNUAL STRATEGIES INCLUDING APPLICATIONS, DELIVERABLES, AND TIMEFRAMES—NEW AND RENEWABLE COMMITMENTS

- COD Green Council to be formed to oversee compliance with the Policy on Sustainability Stewardship.
- Sustainability Stewards (each responsible for upholding a principle)
- Annual report and communications strategy; the Little Green Book
- Incentives and consequences
- Student engagement, an outstanding opportunity for students to demonstrate leadership and to play an equal role in ensuring COD complies with its Policy.