

SANTA CLARA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Resolution

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Resolution No.

Santa Clara Unified School District Water Conservation

WHEREAS, Santa Clara schools have demonstrated commitment to making a positive, tangible environmental change in the world while teaching students to be stewards of their communities, the earth, and its resources; and

WHEREAS, Santa Clara Unified School District (SCUSD) has considerable opportunity to improve its environmental footprint through water conservation, benefiting both the environment and its financial situation; and

WHEREAS, change within schools can help catalyze change in the broader society; and

WHEREAS, many opportunities and choices exist for Santa Clara schools to use natural resources more efficiently; to reduce, reuse, and recycle; and to purchase clean energy and environmentally preferable products and supplies to protect our global environment; and

WHEREAS, Santa Clara schools have a tremendous opportunity to teach children about ecological sustainability, environmental health, and nutrition; meet math, science, and social studies standards, integrate environmental and sustainability education into the curricula; support students to become leaders in making their community a healthier and more ecologically sustainable place; and

WHEREAS, community groups, businesses, nonprofits, and governmental agencies are partnering with schools to support sustainability initiatives; and

WHEREAS, this framework creates a long-term, inspiring vision that integrates and strengthens many efforts in our district; and

WHEREAS, fully implementing this resolution will take time, leadership, commitment, and collaboration; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that SCUSD will continue to be a water conservation leader and recommit to creating environmentally-friendly school sites through water conservation, water-conserving landscaping, and community education.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that SCUSD will adopt a water conservation policy. Each school site will adopt a water conservation plan consistent with the district policy.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that SCUSD will develop assessments to measure the progress in meeting goals and publish those goals on the district website; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that SCUSD will explore options to enhance water conservation on its campuses; participate in rebate and other incentive programs as we are eligible from local city, county, special districts, state, federal, and private organizations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that SCUSD will seek opportunities to work and partner with Santa Clara Valley Water Authority (SCVWA). Some examples of options that could be opportunities are landscape surveys, SCVWA 's Water Efficient Technology (WET) rebate program (up to \$100,00 per school or project) and, SCVWA's Landscape Rebate Program (Rebates to \$50,000 per site). The district will meet with SCVWA and provide a written report to the board of education showing progress and accomplishments from this work.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that SCUSD work and partner with San José Municipal Water System, City of Santa Clara Water Department, City of Sunnyvale Public Works Department, and the California Water Service Company to avail the district of programs and assistance in water conservation. The district will meet with each of these and provide a written report to the board of education.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that SCUSD will seek opportunities to use recycled water at schools and district sites. SCUSD will reach out to local water retailers to explore bringing recycled water to district sites.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that SCUSD will seek partnerships with local community groups, business leaders, nonprofit organizations, and government agencies to support and increase water conservation initiatives in its schools and community; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that SCUSD will Incorporate water conservation policy and procedures into applicable District training programs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that SCUSD Each school and the district office will measure, publish and place progress information showing water conservation and Include financial savings resulting from water conservation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that SCUSD provides water conservation information to employees to incorporate water-efficient practices into classroom activities. The district will designate a contact person within the district for water conservation questions.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that SCUSD, as part of a comprehensive sustainability measure, SCUSD will designate at least one school employee to manage conservation ideas, conservation discussions with school officials, and any meetings related to water conservation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that SCUSD will educate students on water conservation and incorporate water conservation into the curriculum as appropriate.