

SONOMA COUNTY JUNIOR COLLEGE DISTRICT

Resolution to Reduce Single-Use Plastic Waste

RESOLUTION NUMBER _____

WHEREAS the global production, transportation, and disposal of single-use plastics cause harmful environmental consequences; and

WHEREAS the UC system banned single-use plastic dining accessories in July 2021 and CSU schools will discontinue the sales and distribution of single-use plastic water bottles before January 2023; and

WHEREAS, the City of Santa Rosa Zero Waste Foodware Ordinance, banning single-use plastic became effective in January 2022; and

WHEREAS the elimination of single-use materials will help the District succeed in achieving the goals of 80% landfill diversion and 40% overall waste reduction by 2030, a reduction in annual carbon footprint of approximately 167,570 pounds of greenhouse gasses, and switching to compostable single-use materials will create a significant cost savings for the District as compost hauling is free of charge; and

WHEREAS the District recently installed additional filtered water filling stations for refilling reusable water bottles. Guidelines and training on waste free events and activities have been provided to staff, vendors and guest for events on District campuses; and district food and beverage vendors have been testing the market viability of single-use aluminum cans and reusable metal bottles and cartons for water sales.

Let it therefore be

RESOLVED that the Sonoma County Community College District **establish purchasing practices that assure, to the maximum extent economically feasible, that the purchase of single-use plastic accessories* is eliminated for use at events on district campuses, department events and functions, dining and café services, bookstores, and vending machines by August 1, 2022;** and

RESOLVED that the Sonoma County Community College District **establish purchasing practices that assure that the purchase of products in single-use plastic bottles* is eliminated for use at events on district campuses, department events and functions, dining and café services, bookstores, and vending machines by August 1, 2023;** and

RESOLVED that procurement, auxiliaries, and all relevant stakeholders will work with campus sustainability staff to assess and select the most sustainable alternatives. Purchase preference shall be given to: 1) reusable products, followed by 2) locally compostable products, followed by 3) recyclable products, followed by 4) plant-based plastics that are not yet accepted by the local compost hauler; and that these stipulations will be added when negotiating future beverage contracts.

Votes supporting the foregoing resolution were passed by the following Santa Rosa Junior College Constituent Groups:

Sustainability Committee _____

Faculty Academic Senate _____

Student Government Assembly _____

Classified Senate _____

Board of Trustees _____

All Faculty Association _____

Service Employees International Union _____

This Resolution is also supported by Frank Chong, President of Santa Rosa Junior College

The foregoing resolution was introduced by Trustee _____, who moved its adoption, seconded by Trustee _____, and adopted on a roll call vote (month) ____, 2022, by the following vote:

Dorothy Battenfeld

Caroline Bañuelos

Mariana Martinez

Michael Valdovinos

Maggie Fishman

Jeff Kunde

W. Terry Lindley

Anetra McCartney

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent/Abstaining:

****List of Single-use plastic accessories:***

- ***utensils • straws • food containers • lids • stirrers • bags • tablecloths • plastic-lined paper plates/bowls • plastic-lined paper hot cups • polystyrene (Styrofoam) containers • coffee pods (eg Keurig pods)***

Plastics NOT eliminated include:

- ***food wrappers (e.g. chip bags, candy bar wrappers) • pallet wrap • plastic food containers (e.g. yogurt cups) • medical/dental waste • plastic waste bags***