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**Board Policy**  
Chapter 6 – Business & Fiscal Affairs

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**BP 6960 SUSTAINABILITY/ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBILITY**

The Board of Trustees will utilize Santa Monica College’s adopted “Guidelines for Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)” when contemplating proposed activities that may have potential significant environmental effects. These Guidelines are consistent with and authorized by the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code Sections 21000 et seq.).

**Zero Waste Events**

The Board of Trustees recognizes and affirms the economic and environmental benefit of Zero Waste Practices in diverting food waste from landfill. Zero Waste includes recycling but goes beyond recycling by taking a whole system approach to the vast flow of resources and waste through human society. Zero Waste maximizes recycling, minimizes waste, reduces consumption, and ensures that products are made to be reused, repaired or recycled back into nature or the marketplace. Industry standard for Zero Waste is 90 percent diversion of waste, allowing for minor waste generation at events.

In support of Santa Monica College’s institutional commitment to sustainability, Zero Waste practices will be integrated into all college events where food and related materials are present.

**References:**

Public Resources Code Sections 21000 et seq.;  
Title 5 Sections 57050-57060

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