

Overview of UC Sustainability

UC's sustainability program and policy includes all 10 campuses and five medical centers. UC's sustainability commitment began in 2003 with a Regents' action that led to the adoption of a Presidential Policy on Green Building Design and Clean Energy Standards in 2004. Since adopting that policy, the university has expanded the scope to include climate protection, transportation, recycling and waste management, purchasing, food and water. The Policy can be accessed at: <http://ucal.us/suspolicy>

1970

UCSB creates Environmental Studies Program

1971

UCSC establishes Student Farm

2002

UC's first LEED certification, UCSB's Bren School, is also the first LEED Platinum laboratory building in the world.

2004

California Student Sustainability Coalition launches Education for Sustainable Living Program

President Dynes issues policy on Green Building Design and Clean Energy

2012

Goal of installing 10 MW of on-campus renewable energy met 2 years early

100th LEED certification

2013

President Napolitano announces the Carbon Neutrality Initiative, committing UC to carbon neutrality by 2025

2014

\$25 million in food purchases systemwide meet UC sustainable food criteria

President Napolitano announces the Global Food Initiative

UC commits \$1 billion for early-stage investments in clean energy innovation

2020

UC zero waste goal

UC to reduce greenhouse gas emissions to 1990 levels (scopes 1, 2 and 3)

1970-99

1977

UCD Student Farm opens

1999

UCSB students approve student fee to create Coastal Fund

2000-09

2006

The Green Initiative Fund referendum passes at UCSB

UC amends Sustainability Policy to include Transportation, Building Renovation, Operations, Waste Management and Procurement

2007

All 10 UC Chancellors sign the American College and University Presidents Climate Commitment

2009

Sustainable Foodservice section added to Sustainability Policy

2010-19

2015

>35 MW on-campus renewables installed

Bending the Curve Carbon Neutrality Research Summit

UC joins Breakthrough Energy Coalition

2016

Largest solar purchase by any U.S. university (80 MW) comes online

200th LEED certification

2020-50

2025

UC climate neutrality goal (scopes 1 and 2)

UC 36% per capita reduction in potable water use goal

2050

UC climate neutrality goal (scopes 1, 2 and 3)