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Cal Poly Lecture on Nov. 20 to Highlight Updated California State University Sustainability Policy

SAN LUIS OBISPO, Calif. – Michael Clemson, energy and sustainability program analyst for the California State University (CSU), will discuss updated aspects of the system's sustainability policy from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 20, in the Advanced Technology Lab (Building 7) on campus.

Hosted by Cal Poly's College of Agriculture, Food & Environmental Sciences' Center for Sustainability, the talk will cover key aspects of the policy that the CSU board of trustees adopted in May for the statewide system.

The CSU has been a proponent of energy conservation and other sustainability measures for decades, and the newly revised policy is broader than prior policies and more inclusive of the scope of university activities, said Hunter Francis, director of Cal Poly's Center for Sustainability. The policy aims to reduce the university's impact on the environment, educate students, faculty and staff on sustainable practices, and incorporate sustainability principles into educational offerings.

Clemson is responsible for managing the CSU systemwide energy efficiency program and implementing the newly adopted sustainability policy, which he helped develop. He will provide a policy overview and discuss how the policy came about, its essential features, and the vision and timeline for its implementation. Specifically he will discuss new policy areas, such as food services, building and resources management elements, and how it will impact and energize related activities at Cal Poly.

Clemson will be joined by Dennis Elliot, Cal Poly associate director of energy, utilities and sustainability, who worked closely with Clemson on the creation of the policy and who has played a leading role in the implementation of sustainable practices and programs at Cal Poly.

The lecture is free and open to the public. It is presented as part of the Center for Sustainability's quarterly lecture series. It is co-sponsored by the Academic Senate Sustainability Committee, Cal Poly Facilities Services, and the Power Save Campus Program.

For more information about the event, go to

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