

HISTORY

In 2017, the ASUC Zero Waste Student Advisory Committee was established in an effort to connect organizations working on waste-related projects at UC Berkeley. In 2018, the committee became inactive and was underutilized as a resource to the campus community. In Spring of 2019, the committee was re-established and rebranded as the Zero Waste Coalition. With a renewed interest in connecting waste-related organizations on campus, collaboration and communication within the community has greatly improved.

A resolution sponsored by ECO Senator Anna Whitney was passed in order to re-establish the Committee in May 2019. Since then, the committee has passed a resolution to name the month of October “Zero Waste October,” and continues to expand and support currently existing programming related to reducing waste at UC Berkeley.



MISSION

The Zero Waste Coalition aims to bring together waste-related organizations at UC Berkeley to improve communication between them, collaborate on initiatives, be a resource for zero waste on campus, and foster a zero waste community.

STRUCTURE

The Zero Waste Coalition is comprised of over a dozen official Member Organizations who are involved in waste-related efforts on campus. Each Member Organization appoints at least one official Representative to the Coalition who attends monthly meetings and helps to develop ZWC resources. There are also Representatives from groups who do not work directly on waste (such as Athletics, Graduate Assembly, etc.).

MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS

[CALPIRG Plastic-Free Seas](#): CALPIRG is a student-run nonprofit committed to tackling climate change, protecting public health, and revitalizing democracy. The Plastic-Free Seas campaign is calling for campus, city, and statewide bans on single-use plastic.



[Cal Zero Waste](#): Cal Zero Waste manages over 25 tons of solid waste that move through the campus daily and is committed to expanding recycling and composting programs while providing effective refuse collection services.



[ECO ASUC Senator Sylvia Targ](#): The Office of ASUC Senator Targ aims to make the world a better place for living things by tackling environmental issues with a diversity of disciplines & strategies. Their departments work on projects related to climate action, increasing accessibility & intersectionality in environmental work, food system change, single use plastic reduction and science-policy communication.



[Epsilon Eta](#): Epsilon Eta is a professional fraternity at Berkeley for dedicated environmentalists seeking post-graduate opportunities in the environmental field. They welcome all students who are enthusiastic about protecting the environment.



[Green Labs](#): Green Labs helps labs perform research in the most sustainable manner possible - executing mindful experiments that excel in efficiency and waste prevention - from planning to purchasing, and throughout the duration of each project.



[Greening the Greeks](#): Greening the Greeks is a student organization comprised of Cal Greek members that promote environmental awareness and sustainability within the fraternity and sorority community, especially in housing facilities and at Greek-sponsored events.



[Housing and Dining Sustainability Advocates \(HADSA\)](#): Through student-led advocacy, auditing, and peer education, they make sustainability accessible to the UC Berkeley community, improve housing and dining infrastructure, and work towards more ethical and environmentally sound practices on campus.



Housing and Dining
Sustainability Advocates

[Office of Sustainability](#): The Office of Sustainability serves as a leader for sustainability initiatives on campus. They foster a culture of sustainability by planning for and integrating sustainability practices into campus operations and by providing methods, strategies, and data for others to do the same.

Berkeley Sustainability



[ReUSE](#): ReUSE is a not-for-profit thrift store run by student volunteers, located in the MLK Jr. Student Union. They accept donations of clothes, textbooks, office supplies, and other miscellaneous items from the Cal community cycle them back into the community via their store.



[SERC Zero Waste Research Center](#): The SERC Zero Waste Research Center researches and implements strategies for reducing campus waste, with a focus on purchasing, redesigning products, creating behavior change incentives, and instituting closed-loop “circular economy” waste systems.



[Surfrider](#): Surfrider is a community of everyday people who passionately protect the ocean, waves, and beaches. They engage environmental experts to create solutions, unite local and national resources to protect the coast, and leverage their local chapter network’s knowledge with a national perspective.



[Zero Waste DeCal](#): *Zero Waste: Solutions for a Sustainable Future* is a student-led course offering a comprehensive environmental education on topics ranging from consumption to food systems to decarbonization and more.



[Haas Business School Association](#): The official undergraduate student government for the Haas School of Business, dedicated to enhancing the undergraduate experience and advocating the needs of the student body.



RESOURCES

Get involved or stay updated on our goals, and upcoming events:

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