

My name is Matthew Taylor, and I have taught economics at Los Medanos College since the fall of 2016. I am asking to extend my service to the Los Medanos College community by serving on the Sustainability Committee during the 2025 – 2026 academic year.

Sustainability is an issue that I am passionate about, and with which I have previous academic, research, teaching, and university service experience. I would bring a well-informed and experienced economist's perspective to the committee.

Prior to earning my PhD in Economics from University of California, Riverside I earned an MS in Economics from Portland State University. While there, my focus was on environmental economics and the economics of sustainability, and my thesis addressed sustainability metrics at the organization level. This work culminated in presenting and publishing my work with the US Society for Ecological Economics.

In between graduate programs I worked as an economist in the energy efficiency industry with Energy Trust of Oregon, and with the Climate Economics Group at Stockholm Environmental Institute. In both positions I contributed to research on sustainability related issues.

I have integrated sustainability into the classroom – over the past nine years I have also taught economics at CSU East Bay, and have consistently taught perspectives from the economics of sustainability in courses such as *ECON 360: Environmental Economics* and *ECON 380: Managerial Economics*.

I recently began to engage with the CSU's commitment to sustainability, serving on their Academic Senate's Committee on Sustainability since the 2023 – 2024 academic year. I would like to extend this service to the Los Medanos College community, contributing to the sustainability initiatives on campus, improving the contribution of our learning community to the sustainability of our economy and society, and clarifying the important connections between our campus' academic activity and the broader goal of sustainability.