

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-12

APPROVING ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY & PURCHASING PROCLAMATION
FOR SAN MATEO COUNTY GREEN BUSINESS RE-CERTIFICATION

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MID-PENINSULA WATER DISTRICT

WHEREAS, the Mid-Peninsula Water District is committed to protecting the environment, the health, and safety of its employees, customers, and the community in which its conducts its business; and

WHEREAS, the goal of the Environmental Policy & Purchasing Proclamation attached as Exhibit A is to ensure products and services the District provides, purchases, or contract for adhere to the District's commitment to lessen the environmental impact of our business; and

WHEREAS, the District was previously certified as a San Mateo County Green Business, and has met the requirements in 2015 for re-certification.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Mid-Peninsula Water District the attached Environmental Policy & Purchasing Proclamation be approved for San Mateo County Green Business Re-Certification, and the President is authorized to sign it.

REGULARLY passed and adopted this 25th day of June 2015.

AYES: *Directors Stuebing, Vella, Warden, Linvill*

NOES: *Ø*

ABSENT: *Director Zucca*

ATTEST:


PRESIDENT, BOARD OF DIRECTORS


DISTRICT SECRETARY

ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY & PURCHASING PROCLAMATION

Mid-Peninsula Water District is committed to protecting the environment, the health and safety of our employees, customers, and the community in which we conduct our business. The goal of this statement is to ensure that products and services we provide, purchase or contract for adhere to our commitment to lessen the environmental impact of our business.

It is our policy to seek improvements throughout our operations to lessen our impact on local and global environment by conserving energy, water and other natural resources; reducing waste generation; recycling and purchasing recycled-content products; and reducing our use of toxic materials or production of toxic products and/or byproducts. We are committed to environmental excellence and pollution prevention through continual improvement and meeting or exceeding all environmental regulatory requirements.

We will strive, where feasible, to purchase environmentally preferred products and services to meet the company's office and operational needs. We will also favor suppliers who strive to improve their environmental performance, provide environmentally preferable products, and who can document the supply-chain impacts of their efforts. We pledge this policy as part of our long-term commitment to the environment by sending a clear signal to vendors!

Customer and Employee Services, Education and Support Practices

- We shall educate on resource conservation and pollutions prevention
- Provide training programs and orientations
- Offer incentives to encourage environmentally preferable practices
- Inform employees of environmental issues

Examples include, but are not limited to:

- 1) Providing well-marked and conveniently located recycling and compost bins and pick-up services
- 2) Water conservation education and sign postings – if everyone saves a little we all save a-lot!
- 3) Conserve fossil fuels by encouraging the use of public transit
- 4) Share sustainable initiatives and green practices with customers and local community

Reduce, Reuse and Recycle

- Strive to increase waste diversion by recycling all paper, cardboard, wood, metals, bottles, plastics, packaging and cans
- Composting all food and landscape waste
- Reduce the waste generated by donating reusable office items (appliances, electronic equipment, furniture) to charitable organizations
- Reuse envelopes and packaging as well as purchase reusable products
- Promote the use of natural lighting and solar energy
- Institute a policy to turn off lighting and appliances in unoccupied rooms
- Purchase low mercury fluorescent and LED lighting and energy star appliances
- Print multi-page documents on both sides

Toxins Reduction

- Choose green seal certified janitorial cleaning products
- Only use recycled content products, materials and supplies when available
- Purchase No VOC paints, markers and air fresheners
- Recycle universal wastes and prohibit purchasing hazardous wastes
- Promote storm water and source control compliance
- Use no products w/ antibacterial agents such as triclosan in hand, dish or general cleaners.

Environmentally Preferable Purchasing

- Remanufactured and refillable toner cartridges
- Office & toilet paper with 100% recycled content as well as tree free paper
- Products with the least packaging (no plastic, polystyrene, aerosol, etc)
- Recycled content office furniture and supplies
- Green Landscaping services
- Enviro-friendly construction services
- Natural pest control services
- Lighting (low mercury T-8 fluorescents, LEDs, compact fluorescent bulbs)
- Cleaning products with a 3rd party certification such as Green Seal, Design for the Environment, EcoLogo or chosen from a reliable product evaluation source
- Promote the use of refillable bottles, canvas bags and reusable to-go containers
- Energy Star rated appliances and office equipment
- Water efficient toilets, showerheads and faucet aerators
- Fleet of electric vehicles

Through the use of our work, we shall strive to abide by and promote said policies as outlined above!

Board President, Signature

Board Secretary, Signature