

CHAPTER 2.08 ENVIRONMENTALLY SUSTAINABLE PRACTICES

Purpose.

The purpose of this policy is to promote environmentally sustainable practices in the City of Stockton and support environmentally friendly procurement and operational processes in order to:

- Help conserve natural resources;
- Minimize environmental impacts such as pollution and use of water and energy;
- Eliminate or reduce toxins that create hazards to the community;
- Support recycling markets; and
- Increase the use and availability of environmentally preferable products that protect or reduce impacts to the environment.

Policy.

- 1) The City shall, to the extent reasonably practicable, use and request its contractors and consultants to use, environmentally preferable products.
- 2) The City shall utilize recycled content and environmentally preferable products unless such products do not perform satisfactorily and/or are not cost effective.
- 3) Alternative products may be provided as an accommodation to any person with a disability or special health concerns who requests such in order to enjoy equal access to the food or beverages.
- 4) The City may solicit the use of recycled content and other environmentally preferred products in its procurement documents; including but not limited to the procuring of environmentally preferable goods and services where environmental best practices have been established by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), CalRecycle, (CA Department of Resource and Recovery), or other widely recognized authorities
- 5) This policy will not be applied where prohibited by local, state, or federal regulations or where the application would constitute a risk to health and safety.
- 6) All City departments should practice waste prevention and recycling where practicable.

Definitions.

Environmentally Preferable Products and Services refers to products and services that have a lesser or reduced negative effect on human health and the environment when compared with competing products that serve the same purpose. This comparison may consider raw materials acquisition, production, manufacturing, packaging, distribution, reuse, operation, and/or disposal of the product.

Recycling means the process of collecting, sorting, cleansing, treating, and reconstituting materials that would otherwise become solid waste, and returning them to the economic mainstream in the form of raw material for new, reused, or reconstituted products that meet the quality standards necessary to be used in the marketplace.

Practicable means sufficient in performance.

Recycled Products are products manufactured with waste material that has been recovered or diverted from the waste stream. Recycled material may be derived from post-consumer waste (material that has served its intended end-use and been discarded by a final consumer), industrial scrap, manufacturing waste, and/or other waste that otherwise would not have been utilized.

Responsibilities.1) Locally Elected Officials

Promote environmentally sustainable practices in the City of Stockton through intentional and conscientious efforts to prioritize environmentally friendly options when practicable.

2) Staff and Agents of the City

Promote environmentally sustainable practices in the City of Stockton through intentional and conscientious efforts to prioritize environmentally friendly options when practicable.

Relevant authority.

Relevant Federal, State, and Local agencies, serving as an authority on the topics of environmental sustainability and recycling.

Related administrative directive, city policy, city procedure.

Administrative Directive: 12.02 - Standards of Conduct and Safety
 17.05 - Procurement and Contract Management
 17.06 - Grant Administration

Related forms, documents, or links.

None applicable.

Frequently asked questions.

None applicable.

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