

## POLICY AND PROCEDURE

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WHEREAS, the Zone 7 Board of Directors acknowledges the integral relationship between energy use and its mission to “deliver safe, reliable, efficient, and sustainable water and flood protection services”; and

WHEREAS, the Zone 7 Board of Directors desires to provide the Agency with effective leadership and governance and address Initiative #16 – Develop and Implement an Energy Strategy, from the 2020-2024 Zone 7 Water Agency 5-Year Strategic Plan; and

WHEREAS, effective energy management is aligned with the Agency’s values of fiscal responsibility, proactivity, innovation, and environmental sensitivity; and

WHEREAS, energy management is a component that contributes to Zone 7’s overall operational reliability and resilience; and

WHEREAS, a comprehensive energy policy should consider fiscal responsibility, resource optimization, operational reliability and resilience, environmental responsibility, and regulatory compliance and governance;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby adopts the following energy policy.

With respect to the following energy management focus areas, it is the Board’s policy to:

*Compliance and Governance*

- Meet federal, state, and local energy and greenhouse gas emission regulatory targets in a manner that maintains quality of service and aligns with other Zone 7 policies.
- Monitor energy-related regulatory and legislative developments at the local, state, and federal levels, and advocate for the Agency’s interests, as appropriate and consistent with the Agency’s Legislative Framework as adopted in Resolution 21-99.
- Achieve regulatory compliance for the Zone 7 fleet through a fleet management program which meets Zone 7’s core operational needs and supports efforts to reduce and/or eliminate hydrocarbon-based fuels and tailpipe emissions.

### *Resource Optimization*

- Conserve energy through operational practices, programs, projects, and initiatives that make efficient use of Agency staff resources and improve energy efficiency.
- Incorporate energy efficiency into the design of new facilities.

### *Fiscal Responsibility*

- Evaluate and pursue fiscally responsible energy investments that demonstrate good stewardship of public funds in support of the Agency's mission.
- Achieve cost savings or avoid expected future costs, reduce the Agency's exposure to energy price volatility, and leverage available energy procurement and funding opportunities.
- Pursue initiatives to improve energy efficiency, install or participate in renewable power generation, and mitigate greenhouse gas emissions, while considering factors such as anticipated payback period, life cycle costs, and alignment with Zone 7's policies and goals.

### *Reliability and Resilience*

- Promote investments that support and enhance Zone 7's operational reliability and resilience to energy disruptions.
- Maintain a diverse portfolio of energy sources and suppliers, and consider innovative projects that contribute to energy resilience.

### *Environmental Responsibility*

- Implement projects and programs that are aligned with the Agency's value of environmental sensitivity by minimizing impacts to the environment, promoting sustainable practices, and reducing or eliminating the Agency's greenhouse gas emissions.
- Continue to procure or develop renewable energy sources to minimize reliance on fossil fuel-based energy sources.

**HISTORY**

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