

## **SUSTAINABILITY POLICY**

### **STATEMENT OF POLICY**

In keeping with the goals set out by its 1997 Master Plan to “maintain a careful balance between the need to protect and conserve resources and the recreational use of parkland” the East Bay Regional Park District recognizes the need for a comprehensive sustainability policy in order to integrate environmentally sound practices, waste stream reduction, and new technologies into the operations, stewardship and development of our parks and facilities. To that end, it is the policy of East Bay Regional Park District (District) to:

- Voluntarily comply with the California Waste Management Act of 1989, Assembly Bill 939 requiring each local jurisdiction in the state to divert 50% of discarded materials from landfill by December 31, 2000 and thereafter maintain or exceed that diversion rate.
- Voluntarily comply with the Waste Reduction and Recycling Act of 1990 (Measure D), whereby the County of Alameda has adopted a policy goal to reduce the total tonnage of landfill materials generated in Alameda County by 75% by the year 2010.
- Apply the State of California and Alameda County principles of waste reduction, reuse and recycling District-wide in the absence of other mandates.
- Conserve energy and natural resources.
- Reduce or eliminate toxic materials in the park environment, support strong recycling markets, and be cost effective

### **IMPLEMENTATION**

- The General Manager shall be delegated the responsibility to implement this policy and coordinate with other District personnel as appropriate.
- The General Manager shall work to identify and provide funding to support this policy.
- The General Manager shall direct staff to develop and maintain written guidelines necessary to implement this policy.
- The General Manager shall provide annual program updates to the Executive Committee.

### **EFFECTIVE DATES**

- This policy shall take effect on April 22, 2009.

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