



**PUBLIC UTILITY BOARD POLICY**

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Purpose

Tacoma Public Utilities seeks to be a leader in the preservation, protection, and restoration of our region’s environment while maintaining the delivery of reliable and affordable services. We remain committed to environmental stewardship practices, further decarbonization and electrification efforts, and other initiatives to meet these objectives.

Outcomes

1. TPU will conduct operations in a manner that promotes principles of environmental stewardship. This includes incorporating the reduction of waste, greenhouse gas emissions, and pollution as core elements of continuous improvement.
2. TPU will promote and support decarbonization efforts that provide benefits for our customers. TPU will seek to partner with and support customer electrification and decarbonization efforts.
3. TPU will remain ready to support customer needs and remove barriers related to electrification, with a focus on understanding and equitably supporting our most vulnerable and historically marginalized customers.
4. TPU will prioritize ecological protection of our land as a guarantee of future water and power services, and our commitment to the restoration of fish, wildlife and their habitat.
5. TPU will support public policies that enhance our environment, promote sustainable use of our natural resources, and advance effective and feasible decarbonization and electrification efforts.

6. TPU will work to foster a sense of stewardship in our community and workforce through communication strategies and tangible actions, such as educating customers about decarbonization opportunities and sharing our progress on a variety of environmental stewardship initiatives.
7. TPU will partner with Tribal governments in the restoration and stewardship of our natural resources.

#### Measurements

1. Report progress on ongoing TPU and joint TPU-General Government initiatives related to environmental stewardship and climate change.
2. Track community outreach and communication activities related to environmental stewardship, customer rebates, decarbonization, and electrification, as well as customer participation in programs.
3. Report on our work on environmental and climate-related policies at the local, state, and federal levels.

#### Reporting

1. Frequency: Annually, or as otherwise suitable.
2. Reporting Method: A memo and presentation to the Public Utility Board.