



PUBLIC UTILITY BOARD POLICY

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Purpose

Tacoma Public Utilities is committed to being stewards of the region’s bountiful natural resources, and a leader in the preservation, protection, and restoration of those resources while maintaining our excellent delivery of services. It is clear that in order to ensure we fulfill our operational duties into the future we must balance our resource usage with the health of our environment.

Values

1. TPU Board joins the Tacoma City Council in supporting Council Resolution 39427, the Environmental Action Plan, and prioritizing strategies and actions for improving environmental quality. Specifically, TPU:
 - a. Will achieve exceptional quality of life for every generation and will leave a legacy of stewardship; and
 - b. Will achieve lasting and equitable prosperity; build a safe, healthy, attractive, and vibrant community; and minimize negative impacts in order to conserve the natural resources that sustain it.
2. TPU believes climate change impacts how we provide services now and will, if unabated, continue to bring instability and negative impacts to our community’s quality of life in the future. Efforts should go beyond mitigation and focus on policies to reduce atmospheric carbon.
3. TPU believes quality of life and long-term economic prosperity are contingent on a healthy environment.
4. TPU will provide environmental leadership as a primary stakeholder in policies dealing with water, energy, transportation or land use with a goal of restoring and preserving ecosystem health for future generations.
5. TPU encourages employee innovation to accomplish their work in ways that reduce and mitigate environmental impacts.
6. TPU believes that Tribal governments are partners in the restoration and stewardship of our natural resources.

Outcomes

1. Business affairs and operations are conducted in a manner that promotes principles of stewardship and achieves a restorative environmental effect. This includes incorporating reduction of waste, greenhouse gas emissions and pollution as core elements of continuous improvement.
2. Ecological protection on our land is prioritized as a guarantee of future power and water services, and our commitment to the restoration of fish, wildlife and their habitats.
3. A sense of stewardship is instilled in our workforce and community through communication strategies and actions. —
4. Programs that complement and encourage National, State, and Regional environmental policies and initiatives are proactively developed and implemented.

Measurement

1. Track progress on related Tacoma Environmental Action Plan and participate in City's Greenhouse Gas Inventory.
2. Adherence to Watershed Management Plan
3. Adherence on Electric Transportation Plan
4. Adherence to environmental measures within our FERC licenses.
5. Environmental leadership will be reflected in legislative priorities.
6. Track community outreach and communication activities related to environmental leadership.
7. Customer survey results regarding environmental leadership.

Reporting

Frequency: Annually

Reporting Method: An annual TPU environmental report that encompasses each measurement will be presented to the Public Utility Board.