

SAN DIEGO COUNTY REGIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY

POLICIES

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PART 8.3 - STRATEGY AND PLANNING

SECTION 8.31 - SUSTAINABILITY

PURPOSE: To establish a formal policy statement of the Board of Directors (the “**Board**”) of the San Diego County Regional Airport Authority (the “**Authority**”) formalizing commitment to a sustainable future for the airport, the Authority and the region.

POLICY STATEMENT:

Sustainability has emerged as a global environmental theme and a major business imperative for the 21st century, dramatically influencing regional thinking and policy making. It is essential for the Authority to become a known benchmark and respected role model for best sustainable practices in the San Diego region and the aviation industry. Sustainability is consistent with and vigorously reinforces the Authority’s Mission Statement: *to operate San Diego’s air transportation gateways in a manner that promotes the region’s prosperity and protects its quality of life.*

The Board recognizes the need for the Authority to be a sustainable organization and endorses the four sustainability elements of Economic Viability (E), Operational Excellence (O), Natural Resource Conservation (N), and Social Responsibility (S) (EONS) to guide and implement the Authority’s sustainable practices. These four elements have been put forth within the aviation industry as the core precepts for a holistic approach to airport sustainability. Incorporating the EONS elements into the Authority’s business practices, policies and programs will ensure sustainability is fully deployed across the Authority’s operational and business functions.

By setting forth this policy, the Board commits the Authority to these sustainable practices:

- Affirm commitment to regulatory compliance, pollution prevention, continuous improvement and transparency in environmental performance.
- Actively participate in local and regional sustainability partnerships and strongly encourage and promote sustainable practices both in the aviation industry and the region.

- Review and evaluate all new programs and projects in terms of addressing all four Sustainability Elements (EONS), in a balanced, holistic and measurable approach.
- Analyze the life cycle operating costs and impacts of our facilities, operations and services, using a Total Cost of Ownership approach to determine project feasibility and economic sustainability.
- Adopt the standards set forth by the United States Green Building Council (USGBC); Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) as guiding criteria for achieving sustainable design in the development and remodeling of airport facilities.
- Apply EONS and LEED criteria as a significant factor when reviewing tenant development/redevelopment projects and provide incentives to encourage sustainable design features.
- Develop language within all new leases, agreements and contracts that supports the Authority's sustainability initiatives.
- Require the Authority's lessees and contractors to comply with the terms and conditions of their agreements pertaining to sustainability.
- Establish a work environment that maximizes our employee assets and stimulates an atmosphere of innovation, productivity, pride, and a personal commitment to sustainability.
- Take a leadership role in sustainability initiatives that strengthen the social well-being and community relationships with visitors, airport stakeholders and the public we serve.