

MONTEREY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

MEETING: May 24, 2011 – CONSENT ITEM	AGENDA NO.: 40
SUBJECT: Approve and adopt the Climate-Friendly Purchasing Policy as written and presented by the County's Contracts/Purchasing Division of the CAO.	
DEPARTMENT: County Administrative Office (CAO), Contracts/Purchasing Division	

RECOMMENDATIONS:

It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors:

Approve and adopt the Climate-Friendly Purchasing Policy as written and presented by the County's Contracts/Purchasing Division.

SUMMARY/DISCUSSION:

The County of Monterey is a large consumer of goods and services. As such, the purchasing practices of County departments can have a significant impact on our environment. By purchasing climate-friendly products which have no or little impact on price or performance, the County can remain fiscally responsible while promoting practices that help improve public health and safety, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and conserve natural resources.


According to the National Association of Counties, the most important benefit counties are realizing from sustainability efforts is cost savings. Integrating climate-friendly products and services into our current purchasing considerations and practices will assist the County in furthering not only its cost saving efforts, but assist in reducing its carbon footprint.

The policy promotes the county-wide use of climate-friendly purchasing practices and identifies several key areas where the County can begin to shift its procurement practices. The policy also includes a section on implementation, evaluation and reporting.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

The Contracts/Purchasing Division of the CAO has worked with the department of Public Works, the Environmental Health Division of the Health Department, the Information Technology Department, the Housing & Redevelopment Agency, and County Counsel's Office during the development of the policy to ensure it is a collaborative effort. On January 27, 2011 the County's Alternative Energy & Environment Committee approved the policy.

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Approved by:



Michael Derr, Contracts/Purchasing Officer

Dated: May 6, 2011

Attachments:

Climate-Friendly Purchasing Policy