

Resolution of the Board of Directors (“Board”) of the Guadalupe-Coyote Resource Conservation District (“District”) Approving the Environmentally Preferable Purchasing and Practices Policy

Whereas, it is the policy of the District to institute practices that reduce waste by increasing product efficiency and effectiveness; purchase products that minimize environmental impacts, toxics, pollution, and hazards to worker and community safety; purchase products that reduce greenhouse gas emissions in their production, shipping, use, and discard; and purchase products that include recycled content, are durable and long-lasting, conserve energy and water, use agricultural fibers and residues, use unbleached or chlorine-free manufacturing processes, are lead-free and mercury-free, and use wood from sustainably-harvested forests; and

Whereas, the adoption of an Environmentally Preferable Purchasing and Practices Policy will help conserve natural resources; minimize environmental impacts such as pollution and use of water and energy; eliminate or reduce toxics that create hazards to workers and our community; support strong recycling markets; reduce materials that are landfilled; increase the use and availability of environmentally preferable products that protect the environment; identify environmentally preferable products and distributions systems; reward manufacturers and vendors that reduce environmental impacts in their production and distribution systems or services; and potentially serve as a model for successfully purchasing environmentally preferable products that encourages the use of agricultural fibers, chlorine-free manufacturing processes, wood from sustainably harvested forests, and other environmentally friendly practices, and that encourages other purchasers in our community to adopt similar goals.

Whereas, the District reviewed proposed policy language at its February 4, 2021 Board meeting and wishes to adopt an Environmentally Preferable Purchasing and Practices policy.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Board hereby adopts the Environmentally Preferable Purchasing and Practices Policy, effective February 4, 2021, and rescinds any previous versions of this policy.

Adopted this 4th day of February 2021, by the following vote:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT:

Signed: _____
Dr. Richard Lanman, Board President

Attest: _____
Stephanie Moreno, Executive Director/District Clerk