

Mission Oaks Recreation and Park District

Advisory Board of Directors

Sustainability Committee Statement of Purpose

The purpose of the Committee is to advise and assist District staff on matters of resource conservation. This may include but not be limited to reviewing and submitting for Board consideration such items as policy guidelines, budget submittals, reports, and correspondence.

Principles

1. The District should be able to meet our commitment to social responsibility and environmental sustainability and regeneration while effectively managing its financial resources.
2. The District should set a positive example and serve as an educational resource for residents of the District who wish to reduce their impact on the environment.
3. The District should effectively conserve resources:
 - (a) Encourage and promote the nourishment and conservation of soil as an important and irreplaceable natural resource and the most important and most valuable of the District's natural resources.
 - (b) Use water intelligently by irrigating only as much as necessary, by using appropriate water-efficient native and region-appropriate plant species and by using a technologically advanced irrigation system to ensure that water will be applied as efficiently and effectively as possible.
 - (c) Manage our urban forest so that our trees will live to an age and grow to a mature size appropriate to the species. Best management practices include planting only those species of trees that are appropriate to the site, properly planting good quality trees, and putting in place a management plan and pruning cycle to ensure careful monitoring of their condition.
 - (d) Practice conservation in our offices and facilities by reducing our consumption of products when possible, using locally-produced and recycled materials when possible, reusing what we can, and recycling what we can't reuse.
4. Enhance our natural areas when possible to expand wildlife habitat and preserve indigenous plant species.
5. Encourage wise and proper design and management practices to ensure maximum efficiency in the use of space and best management practices.