

ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY NATURAL RESOURCES	Policy No.: 7.4.11
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1. PURPOSE

The Port recognizes that its activities may result in disturbances within the natural environment. Within the context of the Port's Mission, this policy establishes the Port's role in the stewardship and conservation of natural resources across the range of the built environment, mitigation sites and conservation areas.

2. PERSONS AFFECTED

This policy applies to all Port employees and those working on behalf of the Port.

3. POLICY STATEMENT

The Port will identify its impacts and will first attempt to avoid, then seek ways to minimize impacts when they cannot be avoided. When impacts to natural resources occur, appropriate mitigation methods will be implemented to enhance, restore, maintain, or replicate ecosystem functions and values, and ensure regulatory compliance.

The Port will manage its lands for their intended purpose, recognizing that not all the dedicated land uses that the Port is engaged in are compatible with natural resources conservation. The Port will manage natural resources in a manner that:

- Protects the integrity of the natural environment;
- Promotes natural ecosystems that favor native biodiversity, reduced ecological fragmentation, and ecological connectivity, and
- Protects and enhances natural resources of ecological significance.

The Port will seek opportunities to enhance natural resources that occur within the inventory of Port owned and managed lands. The Port also acknowledges its broader role in support of regional conservation goals and initiatives to actively participate with federal, state and local partners as appropriate within the context of the Port's mission.

The Port is committed to ongoing improvement of its Natural Resources Program through review, monitoring, and adaptive management, which uses science-based methods to provide information, evaluate programs and adjust future management actions accordingly.

4. DEFINITIONS

The following definitions shall apply.

4.1 **Intended purpose** is defined as the desired land use that supports the business objectives for a particular parcel of Port property as approved by the Port's Executive Director.

4.2 **Natural resources** are defined as soil, air, water, vegetation, flora and fauna and the many, varied, and complex interactions between these elements that exist within the Port's sphere of influence.

5. RELATED POLICIES, PROCEDURES, AND GUIDELINES

5.1 Commission Policy, 6.1.11, *Environmental*

5.2 Policy 7.4.18, *Air Quality*

5.3 Policy 7.4.20, *Energy Resources*

5.4 Policy 7.4.16, *Water Resources*

5.5 Policy 7.4.12, *Waste Minimization*

5.6 Environmental Management System Manual

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