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EWEB strives to establish a positive environmental legacy for the community we serve and for future generations. In doing so, we are committed to minimizing overall impact on the environment while encouraging environmentally responsible behavior within our own operations.

We will identify, measure and understand the direct and indirect impact of our operations and develop innovative and realistic solutions for mitigating those impacts. We will comply with, and in some cases exceed environmental laws and regulations. Finally, EWEB is committed to communicating regularly its progress in implementing the policies and achieving the targets that it has established as well as continually improving our environmental programs.

Environmental Focus Areas

Compliance

We comply with all applicable environmental laws, regulations, and company procedures. We perform internal audits to confirm compliance with environmental laws governing our operations.

Environmental Planning

We employ a triple bottom line decision-making approach that considers environmental, social and economic impacts.

Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction

We will reduce harmful GHG emissions by identifying the sources and implementing solutions, including source elimination, efficiency improvement, minimizing transportation and other fuels, and increasing the use of clean and renewable fuels.

Waste Minimization

We will minimize waste in our operations and business activities and will incorporate waste reduction into all activities; reducing waste through innovative supply chain management, and end-of-life recycling.

Water and Energy Conservation

We will improve water and energy efficiencies in existing operations, invest in new technologies and systems that enhance water and energy conservation, and support customers' efforts to conserve water and energy in homes and businesses. We will include water and energy management as an integral part of planning for future projects to reduce the consumption of water and energy.

Watershed Protection

We protect EWEBs drinking water supply with programs to measure the balance between watershed health and human use over time, and to implement actions, which maintain a healthy balance for production of exceptional water quality.

Natural & Cultural Resource Protection

We protect the lands, waters and ecosystems entrusted to our care which provide habitat for native fish and wildlife, clean water, healthy soils and recreational opportunities.

Transportation

We implement reasonable, environmentally friendly transportation solutions to limit emissions from utility-owned and personal vehicles used for utilities business.

Employee Education

We continue to shape environmental awareness and behaviors by helping our employees understand their role in meeting our environmental objectives.

Inspire Action

We seek opportunities to provide leadership and expertise to our employees, customers and partner agencies to promote wise stewardship of our energy and water resources and support community education programs that bring environmental awareness to future generations.

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