

HIGHLINE WATER DISTRICT
King County, Washington

RESOLUTION 25-8-6D

RESOLUTION TO REVISE THE DISTRICT GREENHOUSE GAS
EMISSION REDUCTION POLICY

WHEREAS, in response to state, regional and local governments throughout the United States adopting emission reduction targets and programs, Highline Water District adopted Resolution 10-6-15C, to Establish a Greenhouse Gas Emission Reduction Policy;

WHEREAS, the District's Greenhouse Gas Emission Reduction Policy references RCW 70.235.070, which has been replaced by legislative action with RCW 70A.45.070.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, Highline Water District hereby accordingly revises the following policies and/or procedures (attached as **Exhibit A** and incorporated herein by this reference) that will benefit its natural resources and reduce the emission of greenhouse gasses.

ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS of Highline Water District, King County, Washington, at an open public meeting held this **6th** day of **August 2025**.

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EXHIBIT A

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Sections

- 04.03.010 General
 04.03.015 RCW 70A.45.070
 04.03.020 Categories

04.03.010 GENERAL

In accordance with RCW 70A.45.070, the Public Works Board threshold criteria includes the requirement for each Construction Loan applicant to have an adopted policy to reduce greenhouse gas emissions at the time of application submittal.

04.03.015 RCW 70A.45.070 - Distribution of funds for infrastructure and capital development projects -- Prerequisites.

Beginning in 2010, when distributing capital funds through competitive programs for infrastructure and economic development projects, all state agencies must consider whether the entity receiving the funds has adopted policies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Agencies also must consider whether the project is consistent with:

- (1) The state's limits on the emissions of greenhouse gases established in RCW [70A.45.020](#);
- (2) Statewide goals to reduce annual per capita vehicle miles traveled by 2050, in accordance with RCW [47.01.440](#), except that the agency shall consider whether project locations in rural counties, as defined in RCW [43.160.020](#), will maximize the reduction of vehicle miles traveled; and
- (3) Applicable federal emissions reduction requirements.


[[2020 c 20 s 1403](#); [2009 c 519 s 9](#). Formerly RCW [70.235.070](#).]NOTES: Findings -- 2009 c 519: See RCW [70A.05.900](#)

04.03.020 GREENHOUSE GAS REDUCTION CATEGORIES***Public Buildings***

- ◆ All new publicly funded buildings should be models of cost-effective, energy-efficient design.
- ◆ Encourage energy conservation practices in buildings by raising the awareness of employees own energy use.

Energy Source/Use

- ◆ Reduce greenhouse gases by expanding the use of conservation and alternative energy sources and by reducing vehicle miles traveled by increasing alternatives to driving alone.

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- ◆ Reduce pollutants from transportation activities, including through the use of cleaner fuels and vehicles and increasing alternatives to driving alone, as well as design and land use.
- ◆ Encourage energy conservation practices in buildings by raising the awareness of employees own energy use.

Fleet & Vehicle

- ◆ Evaluate an energy-sensitive fleet management program, to include driver training, the use of alternate energy sources such as electricity, diesel or bottled gas, fuel-efficient vehicles, frequent tuning and maintenance of vehicles, and the use of re-refined motor oil in fleet vehicles.
- ◆ Reduce pollutants from transportation activities, including through the use of cleaner fuels and vehicles and increasing alternatives to driving alone, as well as design and land use.

Purchasing Policy Details:


- ◆ Utilize purchasing to promote reductions in GHG emissions by the suppliers of its goods and services.

Equipment

- ◆ Manage street lighting needs by applying lighting standards and using lamps that will assure safe and effective illumination at minimum cost and energy use.
- ◆ Continue efforts to reduce pollutants from transportation activities, including through the use of cleaner fuels and vehicles and increasing alternatives to driving alone, as well as design and land use.
- ◆ Monitor the efficiency of the pumps in water and sewer systems, and operate and maintain them at peak efficiency. When cost effective options are possible, the one using the least amount of energy shall be preferred.

Waste Reduction/Use

- ◆ Implement a solid waste strategy which:
 - ◆ Reduces the solid waste stream by recycling and other means.
 - ◆ Investigates ways to convert non-recyclable solid waste to energy.
 - ◆ Promotes the purchase of recycled and recyclable goods.
 - ◆ Expand jurisdiction-wide waste diversion services to include, for example, single stream curbside recycling, and curbside recycling of food and green waste.
 - ◆ Reduce GHG emissions waste through improved management of waste

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handling and reductions in waste generation.

Global

- ◆ Reduce pollutants from transportation activities, including through the use of cleaner fuels and vehicles and increasing alternatives to driving alone, as well as design and land use.
- ◆ Reduce the rate of energy consumption through conservation and alternative energy forms to extend the life of existing facilities and infrastructure.
- ◆ Maintain and, where possible, improve air and water quality, soils, and natural systems to ensure the health and well-being of people, animals, and plants. Reduce the impacts of transportation on air and water quality, and climate change.
- ◆ Reduce levels for air toxics, fine particulates, and greenhouse gases.
- ◆ Protect and enhance the environment and public health and safety when providing services and facilities.

Public Education & Outreach

- ◆ Publicize energy conservation actions to raise public awareness of the value of wise energy use.
- ◆ Promote and expand recycling programs, purchasing policies, and employee education to reduce the amount of waste produced.
- ◆ Work with local businesses and energy providers on specific, targeted outreach campaigns and incentive programs.

Transportation

- ◆ Reduce GHG emissions by reducing vehicle miles traveled and by increasing or encouraging the use of alternative fuels and transportation technologies.
- ◆ Provide safe and convenient access for pedestrians and bicyclists to, across, and along major transit priority streets.

Other

- ◆ Coordinate with other agencies in region to develop and implement effective waste management strategies and waste-to-energy technologies.
- ◆ Maintain existing tiered rate structures for water use.