

Sustainability: Plan Update and Progress Report

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Policy Statement

The practice of sustainability is about creating new ways to carry out business activities while ensuring an environmentally healthy future for all people and the planet.

Per Executive Orders 02-03, 04-01, and 05-01, the Health Care Authority (HCA) will model the principles of sustainability in its operations and decision making.

Long Range Goals

- * Hybrid vehicles. As our agency owned vehicles age and Motor Pool has hybrid vehicles available, we will exchange our vehicles for hybrid vehicles.
- * Recycled carpet. When our carpets need replacing, we will use new carpet made from recycled materials.
- * Paperless office. As our use of our imaging system becomes more refined, we will use and dispose of less and less paper.

Short Range Goals

- * Electronic paper towel dispensers. In the upcoming year, we will convert our paper towel dispensers in our restrooms to electric dispensers, thus reducing the quantity of (recycled) paper towels used.

Quantitative Measures of Progress

FY '03

Number of Employees (FTE's)	=	302
Building Space	=	2 Buildings, 77,613 SQF
Energy Usage	=	<u>Kwh</u> <u>Therm</u>
Current		1,236,570 6,264
Employee Participation in CTR Plan	=	20%
Miles Driven on Agency Business	=	123,961 miles reported (80,865 POV + 12,324 Agency Owned + 30,772 Motor Pool)
Number of Agency Owned Vehicles	=	2 (1 Ford Van and 1 Chevy Blazer)
Petroleum Purchased	=	811.61 Gallons
Average MPG	=	14.68
Amount of Copy Paper Consumed	=	10,000 Reams (in-house)
% of Virgin and Recycled Paper	=	100% Virgin

FY'06

Number of Employees (FTE's)	=	282
Building Space	=	2 Buildings, 77,613 SQF
Energy Usage	=	<u>Kwh</u> <u>Therm</u>
Current		1,247,670 10,085
Employee Participation in CTR Plan	=	20%
Miles Driven on Agency Business	=	157,790 miles reported (85,086 POV + 19,493 Agency Owned + 53,211 Motor Pool)
Number of Agency Owned Vehicles	=	2 (1 Ford Van and 1 Chevy Blazer)
Petroleum Purchased	=	1,086.47 Gallons
Average MPG	=	16.26
Amount of Copy Paper Consumed	=	5,310 Reams (in-house)
% of Virgin and Recycled Paper	=	100% Recycled

Narrative Description

Success Factors

With the agency's expansion of its imaging system, combined with staff's awareness of paper usage we have reduced our paper consumption by 47% and converted to using 100% recycled paper, exclusively.

The HCA continues to recycle light bulbs containing persistent, toxic chemicals. In FY '04 150 were recycled, in FY '05 130 were recycled and this year, over 300 were recycled.

This year the HCA recycled 145,543 pounds of paper/cardboard waste compared to 247,760 pounds in FY '05.

April, 2006 Puget Sound Energy installed Vending Misers on 3 of the 4 vending machines.

Barriers and Challenges

During the last year, the HCA has not undertaken any major construction or remodel projects. As a result, it has been difficult to create new building related initiatives regarding sustainability.

In addition, we have had staff working both Saturdays and Sundays of almost every weekend, substantially increasing our energy consumption.

To some extent (exact amount is unknown) agency employees have used POV's for agency business but not reported these miles. With the cost of petroleum rising, it is suspected that more staff are now reporting POV and that they are using agency owned/motor pool vehicles more frequently rather than their POV's. Thus, increasing the number of miles driven (being reported) for agency business.

Other

During the last year, the HCA experienced a turn over in a many of its executive leadership. In the upcoming year, we expect renewed executive support and expanded agency communication regarding sustainability.