



# COUNTY OF EL DORADO, CALIFORNIA

## BOARD OF SUPERVISORS POLICY

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### I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to implement the strategies of the County's solid waste management plan (SWMP), to meet AB 939 and AB 341 source reduction and recycling mandates related to the procurement of environmentally preferable products and services and waste reduction measures.

### II. POLICY

#### Definitions:

The following terms shall have the assigned definitions for all purposes under this policy:

**Eco-Friendly:** means environmentally friendly.

**Environmentally Preferable Products and Services:** means products and services that have a lesser or reduced impact on human health and the environment when compared with competing products that serve the same purpose. This comparison may consider raw materials acquisition, recycled content, production, manufacturing, packaging, distribution, reuse, operation, maintenance, or disposal of the product.

**Recycled content:** means the portion of materials used in a product that have been diverted from the solid waste stream. Includes Pre-consumer and post-consumer recycled content.

#### El Dorado County commits to:

1. Comply with all environmental legislative and regulatory requirements in the procurement of products and services and their proper disposal.
2. Bids or Proposals that have been determined to be both Responsive and Responsible containing environmentally preferable products or services shall be given preference in the magnitude of a reduction of 2.5% of the total bid price for evaluation purposes. Applying the preference formula is for evaluation purposes only and does not change the actual bid price offered by any suppliers. The function of the 2.5% preference is to give the firm offering the environmentally preferable products or services in their bid a competitive advantage when determining low bid in comparison to firms not offering environmentally preferable products or services.
3. Generate less waste material by practicing waste prevention; consider how supplies, materials and equipment are used and disposed of throughout the County; and encourage reuse and recycling where possible.
4. Nothing in this policy shall be construed as requiring a department to procure products or services that do not perform adequately and/or are not reasonably available at a competitive, fair and reasonable,



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cost. Although a priority, these purchasing and usage goals cannot and shall not jeopardize the County's:

- A. Fiscal Solvency
- B. Employee productivity
- C. Public and employee health and safety
- D. Compliance with local, state, and federal laws and regulations.

### III. PROCEDURE

- A. El Dorado County shall solicit the use of environmentally preferable products and services in its procurement documents where practicable. All El Dorado County Departments shall consider the following environmentally preferable product categories and incorporate them into bid and proposal specifications whenever practical:
  - a. Paper products; office supplies and janitorial supplies, when practical, with recycled content.
  - b. Eco-friendly cleaners and solvents, Re-refined lubricants, and hydraulic oils and antifreeze.
  - c. Construction, building and maintenance products, carpet, tiles and insulation, with recycled content.
  - d. Cement and asphalt concrete containing tire rubber, glass cullet, recycled fiber, plastic, fly ash or other alternative products. Re-crushed cement concrete aggregate and asphalt.
  - e. Re-treaded tires and products made from recycled tire rubber including rubberized asphalt, playground surfaces and anti-fatigue mats.
  - f. Compost, mulch, and other organics including recycled bio-solid products.
  - g. Re-manufactured paint.
  - h. Other products that may be designated by requesting Departments.
- B. El Dorado County shall post information on the availability of surplus furniture, equipment and office supplies for reuse by other County departments.

### IV. REFERENCES

- 1. El Dorado County Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP)
- 2. The California Integrated Waste Management Act (AB 939)
- 3. Mandatory Commercial Recycling Regulation Assembly Bill 341 (AB 341)
- 4. The definition of commercial solid waste was further clarified through Assembly Bill 1398 (AB 1398)
- 5. The Definition of Industrial waste, defined in Section 17225.35 of Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations



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**V. RESPONSIBLE DEPARTMENT(S)**

Chief Administrative Office, Procurement and Contracts Division.

**VI. DATES (ADOPTED, REVISED, NEXT REVIEW)**

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