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Operations****ADOPTED: 05/09/18****REVISED: 11/10/21****SUBJECT: Energy and Water Conservation and  
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The County Board of Education recognizes the importance of minimizing the San Diego County Office of Education's (SDCOE) use of natural resources, providing a high-quality environment that promotes health and productivity, and effectively managing SDCOE's fiscal resources. To that end, the county superintendent of schools or his/her designee(s) shall develop a plan which includes strategies for implementing effective and sustainable resource practices, exploring renewable and clean energy technologies, reducing energy and water consumption, minimizing utility costs, reducing the amount of waste of consumable materials, encouraging recycling and green procurement practices, and promoting conservation principles.

The county superintendent of schools or his/her designee(s) may involve SDCOE staff, representatives of governmental agencies, utilities, solid waste and recycling companies, community organizations, health professionals, and/or others as appropriate in the assessment of current SDCOE operations and the development of strategies to improve the environmental impact of SDCOE operations.

In selecting and prioritizing strategies, the county superintendent of schools or his/her designee(s) shall give consideration to the initial cost, long-term potential cost savings, quality and performance of the product or service, health impacts, and environmental considerations.

The county superintendent of schools and his/her designee(s) shall comply with state and federal regulations.

**Administrative Regulation: 3511**

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**Legal Reference: Education Code  
8700-8707, 17072.35, 32370-32376, 33541,  
Public Contract Code  
12400-12404  
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**Management Resources:**

CSBA Publications: *Green Schools: An Overview of Key Policy Issues, Policy Brief, August 2009*

California Department of General Services Publications: *Environmentally Preferable Purchasing Best Practices Manual*

**Web Sites:**

Alliance to Save Energy: <http://www.ase.org>

California Department of Education, Facilities: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/fa>

California Energy Commission: <http://www.energy.ca.gov>

California State Water Resources Control Board: <http://www.swrcb.ca.gov>

Department of General Resources, Green California, Sustainable Schools:  
<http://www.green.ca.gov/GreenBuildings/schools>