

BUSINESS AND NONINSTRUCTIONAL OPERATIONS

SUBJECT: Energy and Water Management

The County Office of Education recognizes the importance of minimizing the use of natural resources, providing a high-quality environment that promotes health and productivity, and effectively managing the County Office of Education's fiscal resources. To that end, the County Superintendent of Schools or designee shall develop a resource management program 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.

(cf. 3100 - Budget)

(cf. 3300 - Expenditures and Purchases)

(cf. 3512 - Equipment)

The County Superintendent or designee shall regularly inspect County Office of Education facilities and operations and make recommendations for maintenance and capital expenditures which may help the County Office of Education reach its conservation and management goals.

The County Superintendent or designee shall make every effort to identify funding opportunities and cost-reducing incentive programs to help the County Office of Education achieve its conservation and management goals.

The County Superintendent or designee shall periodically report to the County Board of Education on the progress in meeting its conservation and management goals.

Storm Water Management

The County Office of Education desires to ensure that, to the maximum extent practicable, it reduces the discharge of pollutants into the water system in order to minimize the threat to water quality from storm water runoff. When the County Office of Education has been designated by the State Water Resources Control Board or a regional water quality control board, the County Superintendent of Schools or designee shall ensure that the County Office of Education complies with applicable General Permit requirements.

(cf. 3514 - Environmental Safety)

(cf. 3514.1 - Hazardous Substances)

(cf. 3514.2 - Integrated Pest Management)

The County Superintendent or designee shall develop a storm water management plan and shall submit the plan and a resolution authorizing the implementation of the plan to the local regional

water control board for approval. The County Office of Education's plan shall describe best management practices, measurable goals, and timetables for implementation in the following areas:

1. Public education and outreach on storm water impacts
2. Public participation, such as participation in adoption and implementation of the plan
3. Illicit discharge detection and elimination, such as maps and programs to detect and eliminate illicit non-storm water discharges
4. Construction site storm water runoff control, such as reviewing construction plans, inspecting sites, and tracking construction site runoff, as well as erosion and sediment controls
5. Post-construction storm water management, such as developing design standards for preventing runoff and verifying proper maintenance and operation of control procedures
6. Pollution prevention and good housekeeping, such as evaluating waste disposal, material storage, and equipment-cleaning procedures and spill prevention, including at bus maintenance facilities

The County Superintendent or designee shall regularly report to the County Board of Education on the status of the County Office of Education's implementation efforts.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

41422 School term or session length, failure to comply due to disaster

46392 Emergency conditions; ADA estimate

PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE

25410-25421 Energy conservation assistance

WATER CODE

13383.5 Storm water discharge monitoring requirements

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 23

2200 Discharge permit fees

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 33

1342 National pollutant discharge elimination system

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 40

122.1-122.64 National pollutant discharge elimination system

Management Resources:

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION MANAGEMENT ADVISORIES

0118.01 California's Energy Challenge

0706.90 Water Conservation Advisory, 90-09

0222.90 Average Daily Attendance Credit During Periods of Emergency 90-01

WEB SITES

CSBA: <http://www.csba.org>

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>