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**UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA
POLICY ON GREEN BUILDING DESIGN,
CLEAN ENERGY STANDARDS, AND
SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORTATION PRACTICES**

Resource sustainability is critically important to the University of California, the State of California, and the nation. Efficient energy use is central to this objective, and renewable energy and energy-conservation efforts provide a means to save money, foster environmental awareness, reduce the environmental consequences of University activities, and provide educational leadership for the 21st century.

The University is committed to stewardship of the environment and to reducing the University's dependence on non-renewable energy sources. With this commitment in mind, we will regularly review initiatives and best practices and share successes by augmenting the existing University guidelines. These guidelines currently recommend that University operations:

- Incorporate the principles of energy efficiency and sustainability in all capital projects within budgetary constraints and programmatic requirements.
- Minimize the use of non-renewable energy sources on behalf of the University's built environment by creating a portfolio approach to energy use, including the use of local renewable energy and purchase of green power from the grid as well as conservation measures that reduce energy consumption.
- Incorporate alternative means of transportation to/from and within the campus to improve the quality of life on campus and in the surrounding community. The campuses will continue their strong commitment to provide affordable on-campus housing, in order to reduce the volume of commutes to and from campus. These housing goals are detailed in the campuses' Long Range Development Plans.

The Office of the President will annually report to The Regents on the Policy's impact on capital and operating costs, energy use, building design, and sustainable transportation practices.