

RESOLUTION #10-469

A RESOLUTION of the Town of Twisp, Washington, adopting a strategy to manage and reduce energy and fuel consumption and greenhouse gas emissions.

WHEREAS, the Council of the Town of Twisp exists to promote the welfare of the citizens of Twisp, Washington, and recognizes that escalating energy consumption and vehicular Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Emissions can be harmful to the health of people, the economy, and the environment; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Twisp recognizes that by improving the energy efficiency in all its operations and purchasing they can realize significant monetary savings and quality of life enhancements in the long term;

WHEREAS, global climate change poses a profound threat to the region's natural and economic systems, including: timing and quantity of water flows; water supply availability; snow pack; hydroelectricity; forest health; air quality and related human health issues; and agriculture, amongst others; and

WHEREAS, Twisp Town Council will continue their efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions through policy and actions as technology and budget provide alternatives;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Twisp, that the following policy goals are hereby adopted:

POLICY PRIORITIES FOR 2010-2015:

- All new publicly funded buildings should be strong models of cost-effective, energy-efficient design.
- Develop a prioritized list of energy conservation measures for currently owned buildings to include in future capital improvement plans.
- Encourage flex-time schedules, online training options, and other alternatives for employees to decrease transportation requirements.
- Reduce greenhouse gases by expanding the use of conservation and alternative energy sources in Town facilities.
- Consider ways to reduce pollutants from transportation activities, including fleet purchases, vehicle use policies, maintenance practices, and cleaner fuels.
- Manage public lighting needs by applying light standards and using lamps that will assure safe and effective illumination at minimum cost and energy use.
- Give priority to transportation projects, including developing trails and paths, that will contribute to a reduction in vehicle miles traveled per capital, while maintaining economic vitality and sustainability.

- Prioritize projects that provide safe and convenient access for pedestrians and bicyclists to utilize major street routes and connectors to community facilities and essential services.
- Conserve natural resources such as water and open space to minimize energy uses and GHG emissions, and to preserve and promote the ability of such resources to remove carbon from the atmosphere.
- Continue partnerships with the local watershed council and fisheries council to development management strategies for local resources.
- Promote partnerships that expand recycling programs.
- Collaborate with local energy suppliers, community partners, and other public entities to maximize efficiency and explore alternatives for energy consumption.
- Install water-efficient landscapes and irrigation, including the use of drought-tolerant and native species, use of mulches, and installation of water-efficient irrigation systems.
- Encourage partnerships and education for citizens regarding energy efficiency and Greenhouse Gas Emissions reduction.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Town Council this 8th day of June, 2010.

APPROVED:



William A. Boosman, Mayor

ATTEST:



Colleen G. Storms, Clerk/Treasurer