



## Environmental Stewardship Policy

### **Environmental Stewardship Vision:**

It is our environmental stewardship vision that fiscally sound environmental practices enhance our primary function of promoting economic development.

### **Environmental Stewardship Mission:**

It is the SCSPA's environmental stewardship mission to optimize Port operations to include efficient business practices, environmentally responsible operations, and effective customer and community interaction. We will strive to achieve this through an aggressive, comprehensive, and coordinated approach to overall environmental management consistent with the following guiding principles:

- Proactively continue to evaluate and improve port activities, practices, and procedures in order to achieve the goal of meeting or exceeding all applicable environmental laws and regulations.
- Promote environmental leadership by conducting port operations in a manner that increases efforts to prevent pollution, employs best management practices, and makes use of economically feasible best available technology to avoid or reduce environmental impacts.
- Evaluate decisions related to port development within an environmental justice framework to endeavor for communities to receive equal protection of their environment, health, and civil rights, as well as the components of their economic well-being, such as employment, housing, and transportation, and that they are meaningfully involved in the planning and decision-making processes of community development.
- Distinguish the port as a leader in sustainable environmental stewardship by increasing environmental awareness through education of the community regarding port operations and environmental programs, as well as through improved communication with employees, customers, vendors, supporters, regulatory agencies and neighbors.
- Enhance sustainability practices in design, construction, operations, and administrative processes that are intended to reduce environmental impacts, effectively manage natural resources, and improve energy efficiency.

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**Implementation:**

The guiding principles of this Environmental Stewardship Policy will be applied to the following four program elements contained within the SPA's "Pledge for Growth" initiative in order to accomplish our mission.

Air: strive to reduce air emissions from port related activities.

Land: work to restore, protect, and maintain environmentally sensitive lands through land initiatives and conservation programs.

Water: continue measures to protect aquatic life and the quality of public waterways.

People: enhance surrounding communities through partnerships designed to mitigate for human impacts.

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