

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

RESOLUTION NO. _____

Adopting a Green Meeting and Event Policy for Multnomah County

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Finds:

- a. On February 26, 2004, by Resolution No. 04-019; the Board adopted sustainability principles to promote a sustainable future, to guide decision making and the delivery of services, and to support green internal operations.
- b. Multnomah County recognizes its responsibility to implement practices that protect Multnomah County's natural environment and this resolution reflects the county's continued commitment to be an acknowledged environmental leader.
- c. Multnomah County intends to maintain highly productive and effective meetings and events while minimizing the negative impacts to the environment. Intentional green meetings and events ensure that all aspects of an event, including its location, food services, transportation and the provision of materials are approached with the goal of minimizing the negative impact on the environment.
- d. Establishing green meeting and event requirements and best practices will result in cost savings due to reduced waste, conserved resources, and minimized environmental impact, including:
 - o Reduced greenhouse gas emissions and air contaminants;
 - o Improved energy and water efficiency;
 - o Reduced waste and supporting reuse and recycling;
 - o Reduced the environmental impacts associated with food production, consumption and disposal.
- e. This resolution supports Multnomah County's adopted sustainability principles and the goals within the county's 2009 Climate Action Plan, the 2010 Sustainable Purchasing Policy, and the Waste Prevention and Recycling Plan.

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Resolves:

1. **That effective January 1, 2011**, Multnomah County meetings and events shall be environmentally responsible and organizers will seek to use best practices to minimize environmental impacts.
2. The Office of Sustainability and County's Departmental Sustainability Liaisons are directed to develop administrative procedures to implement this policy and to create best practice guidelines. The administrative procedures will outline actions for Departments and Offices to reduce the environmental impact of their meetings and events.
3. A Multnomah County Green Meeting or Green Event certificate can be displayed at qualifying meeting and events that are self-certified by the organizer and comply with this policy.

ADOPTED this 18th day of November, 2010.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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Jeff Cogen, Chair

REVIEWED:

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FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

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