

4.24.000-P Waste-to-Energy Policy

History			
Source	Date	Action/Notes	Next Review Date
Board Decision	November 8, 2006	Approved (R411)	November 2009
Policy Committee	November 17, 2009	No Change	November 2012

WASTE-TO-ENERGY POLICY

WHEREAS:

1. Senate Bill 1149 defines "waste" as an eligible renewable resource.
2. Energy Trust wishes to establish criteria and procedures to guide its decisions regarding funding for waste-to-energy projects.
3. In October 2006, the Renewable Advisory Council discussed this matter and unanimously endorsed the policy proposed in this resolution.

It is therefore RESOLVED:

1. Among waste-to-energy projects, Energy Trust will give top funding priority to those projects using organic or biological wastes from human, animal or plant sources.
2. Among waste-to-energy projects, Energy Trust will give secondary funding priority to projects using wastes from manufacturing and industrial processes that are otherwise lost to commercial use, and that have no higher-value use than energy production. These projects will be considered as funds allow.
3. Eligible projects may use *de minimus* quantities (provisionally, less than 1% of energy content) of petroleum-based materials.
4. Energy Trust will prioritize waste-to-energy projects that meet the above criteria and: (a) do not use waste at the expense of a real, current alternative use with a higher social value, such as re-use or recycling; and (b) divert material from landfills, or otherwise avoid environmentally harmful waste disposal options.
5. Waste-to-energy projects will be part of the Biopower program, which will fund both waste and biomass projects from a single budget. All Biopower program procedures and policies will apply to waste-to-energy projects. In addition, RAC review of waste-to-energy projects will be required.