



Agenda Item No. 2

To: Building and Operating Committee/Committee of the Whole
Meeting of April 24, 2008

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Subject: **PRESENTATION OF DISTRICT'S "GOING GREEN" PROGRAM**

Recommendation

The following report is for informational purposes, and no action is recommended at this time.

Summary

Over the past several years, the District has committed to moving toward more environmentally-preferable solutions in its business practices to reduce its energy consumption and harmful carbon dioxide (CO₂) greenhouse gas emissions that damage the environment. From simple conservation activities to more comprehensive efficiency programs, the District has established a concentrated program targeted at conserving energy and the planet's finite resources. Today, the District has active water conservation, recycling, and energy efficiency programs in operation.

The District also has extensive emission reduction programs underway at both Golden Gate Transit and Golden Gate Ferry. According to the American Public Transportation Association, commuters who travel alone for a 20-mile round-trip and who switch to public transit, can reduce their annual CO₂ emissions by 4,800 pounds per year, or 10 percent reduction in greenhouse gases produced by a two-adult, two-car household. Golden Gate Transit and Golden Gate Ferry assists with this goal by providing transit alternatives for North Bay commuters.

At this Board of Directors meeting, staff will present an overview of the District's efforts to address green maintenance and operating practices, as well as display educational materials that have been developed to assist the District in telling its "green story."

Fiscal Impact

There is no fiscal impact associated with this informational report.