

Oregon Chapter
American Public Works Association
Sustainability Resolution

June 1, 2007

This RESOLUTION, adopted by the Oregon Chapter of the American Public Works Association, supports the efforts of our membership toward developing and achieving the goals of sustainability for our natural and constructed environment.

WHEREAS, local government actions to create sustainable communities contribute to many of our communities' highest priority goals, including but not limited to: energy security, conservation and cost reduction; affordable housing; mobility and transportation choices; solid waste reduction and recycling; salmon recovery; reliable, safe and affordable water supply; urban and rural forest protection; sustainable economic development; and clean air; and

WHEREAS, actions at the local level can help to pave the way for national leadership, by providing working models of sustainability that reinforce other high-priority policy objectives; and

WHEREAS, the states of Oregon, Washington, California, Arizona, New Mexico and the Province of British Columbia have formed a compact agreeing to develop a set of goals and actions to reduce greenhouse gases in support of sustainability. The goals will be presented to Oregon's Governor by December 2007 to prepare for state legislation in 2008. Local government and public works will be an important element in setting and implementing these goals; and

WHEREAS, many of the critical components of a local action plan are being identified, implemented, and positive results demonstrated by our members in their communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE OREGON CHAPTER of the AMERICAN PUBLIC WORKS ASSOCIATION THAT:

We are committed, as individuals and as the association, to the long-range goal of implementing sustainable practices and will do its part to achieve that goal. Specifically, the Chapter Board directs that:

- a. The Chapter will present educational opportunities for its members in the area of sustainability through its Chapter conferences and education program.

b. The Chapter, through its Futures Committee, will identify and recognize members and member agencies who are undertaking noteworthy activities in support of sustainability goals.

c. The Chapter will recommend adoption of a sustainability resolution to the Board of Directors of the national American Public Works Association.

Adopted by a vote of the Executive Committee of the Oregon Chapter on the ____ day of _____, 2007

Kurt Corey, Oregon Chapter APWA President