

## Strategic Plan Focus Area #4 – Environmental Character

### Key Strategic Objectives & Initiatives

<b>Focus Area #4</b>	<b>Environmental Character</b>
Promoting, protecting, and enhancing a healthy and sustainable natural environment.	

- 1. Focus Area #4-Objective #1: Ensure that the Authority minimizes environmental impacts by complying with all regulatory standards.**

Initiative(s)	Priority
1.1. Provide regular communications to stakeholders on matters of environmental compliance.	Highest: Start/Finish within 1 year

- 2. Focus Area #4-Objective #2: Promote energy efficiency and greater use of renewable energy, when applicable and cost effective.**

Initiative(s)	Priority
2.1. Perform an energy audit to assess the energy performance of systems, operations, and facilities, identifying opportunities for energy savings.	Medium: Start/Finish within 3 years

- 3. Objective #3: Strengthen the Authority’s service area Emergency Management Plan with respect to protecting the natural environment.**

Initiative(s)	Priority
3.1. Review and update the comprehensive service area emergency management plan and related agreements annually.	Highest: Start/Finish within 1 year
3.2. Perform an in-house tabletop exercise for training and planning on the emergency management program.	Medium: Start/Finish within 3 years

**4. Focus Area #4-Objective #4: Promote responsible contracting and purchasing choices that are environmentally sensitive.**

Initiative(s)	Priority
4.1. Ensure all system improvements meet or exceed environmental and regulatory requirements, while incorporating sustainable practices.	Higher: Start/Finish within 2 years

**5. Focus Area #4-Objective #5: Reduce our carbon footprint through green initiatives.**

Initiative(s)	Priority
5.1. Partner with service area organizations and schools to provide ongoing educational programs centered on environmental sustainability.	Higher: Start/Finish within 2 years

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