SUBJECT: WATER CONSERVATION

PURPOSE: To formulate a formal policy statement of the Board of Port Commissioners (Board) to encourage the conservation of water use in San Diego Unified Port District (District) operations, and among tenants and users of District facilities.

POLICY STATEMENT:

1. The Board recognizes the need for all public agencies to join the effort to conserve one of our region’s most precious resources -- water. The Board directs that measures be instituted by the District to conserve water it uses. The Board also supports and encourages efforts by its member cities and other public agencies to conserve water.

2. It is the policy of the Board that specific water conservation measures be utilized in all District facilities, parks, and operations. Particular emphasis is directed to irrigation practices; drought resistant and/or water-saving landscaping design; installation of low-flow sanitation devices in new or remodeled structures; educational awareness programs for Port landscaping crews to increase sensitivity to water conservation measures; and such other programs as the Port Director may deem well suited to District operations.

3. District tenancy agreements require all lessees, tenants and subtenants of the District to comply with state and local law, which would include legislation regarding water conservation measures.

4. It is the policy of the Board that lessees be strongly encouraged to actively participate in water conservation efforts.

5. Sensitivity to water conservation shall be a significant factor when reviewing tenant development/redevelopment projects. A water conservation program element shall be included in tenant development submittals at the same cost threshold as included in BPC Policy 357, "Procedure for Approval of Tenant Project Plans," that triggers the requirement for Board approval in that policy.