

At the Green Business Network, we're growing business and saving the environment.

Available to all Port of San Diego tenants and subtenants, we are a voluntary sustainability program that provides **FREE** education and resources to waterfront businesses committed to reducing our collective environmental footprint. We collaborate with our members on training opportunities and supply resources to help them improve operational efficiency and implement sustainable business practices that keep our bay blue.



GREENWORK

Makes the Dream Work

at

The San Diego Convention Center

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At the Green Business Network, we recognize environmental champions like the **San Diego Convention Center**, a leader in protecting the San Diego Bay and the future of our communities.



MEMBER OVERVIEW

The **San Diego Convention Center Corporation** is a non-profit public benefit corporation created by the City of San Diego to manage, market and operate the San Diego Convention Center. It's the region's premier gathering place for hosting conventions, trade shows and community events that economically benefit the City of San Diego and advances the convention and tourism industry.

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SUSTAINABILITY HIGHLIGHTS



Energy Savings

100% of lights in exhibit halls and those used to illuminate the Sails Pavilion are LEDs.



Clean Transportation

The food and beverage team **purchases produce and protein from within a 150-mile radius** of the building whenever possible, helping to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.



Employee Engagement

Executive management **develops best practices to minimize the impact of events globally** as part of the International Association of Venue Managers Sustainability Committee.



Water Protection

To reduce outdoor watering, landscaping uses **drip irrigation, drought-tolerant plants and mulch**.



Waste Reduction

- **100% of cardboard is recycled.** During Fiscal Year 2018, that amounted to 189 tons.
- **1,278 tons of waste generated** was diverted from landfills in Fiscal Year 2018.
- There are no garbage disposals in the Convention Center kitchens. As a result, **125 tons of non-edible food scraps were composted** in Fiscal Year 2018.
- Disposable containers used for catering are **sustainably sourced and biodegradable**.
- A custom-fabricated on-site recycling sorting system is used to separate all recyclable and compostable materials to reach a **goal of diverting 75% of materials away from landfills by 2020, to align with the City of San Diego's Zero Waste Plan**.



Community Outreach

In Fiscal Year 2018, over 72 tons of untouched food was donated to the San Diego Rescue Mission – that was enough to plate 115,000 meals.



The Port of San Diego thanks the San Diego Convention Center because green communities don't just happen. We make them happen together.