

**ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY**  
**PEDERNALES ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.**  
**BOARD ADOPTED: November 16, 1981**

**RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE COOPERATIVE** That in order to protect and preserve our environment the Cooperative will endeavor to:

Plan, construct and operate its facilities so as to provide its members with an adequate and reliable power supply that is compatible with the environment.

Place environment in proper perspective with other vital issues such as safety, reliability and cost.

Explore alternative action in order to avoid adverse environmental effects.

Carefully assess the potential impact of its actions on physical, natural and aesthetic resources in order to avoid adverse environmental effects and to restore or enhance environmental quality to the greatest extent practicable.

Endeavor to avoid action, which might contribute to pollution of the air, water or land, threaten health and public welfare, damage ecological systems of Flora or Fauna, curtail the range of beneficial uses of the environment, or serve short-term objectives to the detriment of long-term and environmental goals.

Endeavor to avoid actions which might be detrimental to or diminish public enjoyment of existing or planned recreation resources, or resources of historic and scenic value.

Endeavor to avoid actions, which might conflict with existing or contemplated land-use planning policies or appropriate governmental bodies, or with other public services.

Fulfill its responsibilities in an environmentally-aware and environmentally-responsible manner, and to take affirmative action to actively cooperate with groups interested in environmental resources and to keep the public informed of significant construction plans.

In implementing this policy on Environmental Considerations, the Cooperative will be guided by the environmental criteria and guidelines issued by agencies of the Federal Government under the National Environmental Policy Act and, where appropriate, by environmental guidelines and criteria which might be issued by state and local governments in areas in which it operates.