

## Environmentally Sustainable Practices Policy

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### A. General Policy Statement

WEF members work every day to protect public health and the environment at the local, regional, national and global levels. In support of this vital work, WEF is committed to providing leadership and advocacy for environmentally sustainable practices.

As a non-for-profit organization operating in the public interest, our leadership includes education and training for the water sector, advocating adoption of sustainable policies and practices, and serving as a role model and example by operating our own programs according to best practices that reduce waste, prevent pollution and conserve water and energy. We are also committed to influencing the development and implementation of sustainable practices by other organizations with which we have business or collaborative relationships.

WEF is committed to supporting our members as they implement environmentally sustainable solutions in their communities. We will do as we have always done, by providing reliable information on technologies and best practices and access to training, support of programs that help our members implement their sustainability programs, and peer-to-peer networking opportunities.

Within our own programs, opportunities to implement sustainable practices include but are not limited to operation of our Alexandria, VA headquarters building, the conduct of conferences and other in-person meetings, employee and volunteer travel (including consideration of opportunities to purchase carbon offsets), printing and publishing, and support for employee use of alternative transit and work arrangements.

Face-to-face conferences and meetings remain a highly effective and popular means to connect water professionals with one another and provide necessary education and training that help

our members achieve their sustainable goals and objectives. These meetings also provide a great opportunity for WEF to demonstrate leadership and have a tangible positive impact. WEF is committed to incorporating sustainability principles into meeting programs, and to working with our meeting partners, suppliers and vendors to implement green meetings practices whenever feasible. Where appropriate and consistent with the needs of our members, WEF will utilize alternatives for delivering educational content in a way that reduces our environmental impact.

WEF is also committed to influencing, through our educational programs, advocacy, and business practices, the adoption of sustainable practices by others including our members and Member Associations, local agencies, suppliers, vendors, and others in the water and association sectors.

The WEF commitment to sustainability principles and practices, and specific goals and actions to fulfill this commitment, will be summarized in an annual staff report to the Board of Trustees and highlighted in an annual report to WEF members and the public.