

**Policy Number:** 8.2.0

**Title:** LRP – WATERSHED MANAGEMENT POLICY

**Introduction:**

Water in the Bear Creek Valley is a precious and limited resource. It is a necessary component for all life in the Valley – human and native, flora and fauna. This policy establishes parameters under which the District shall act to protect and preserve, to the extent feasible, the natural resources of the Bear Creek watershed.

**Ends:**

1. Environment
  - a. All Board decisions and actions regarding the management of water resources, shall consider potentially harmful effects to the environment of the Bear Creek watershed.
  - b. The Board will be proactive in informing the appropriate regulatory agencies that they should identify and carefully assess the environmental impacts to the Bear Creek watershed during the development review process.
  - c. Every effort will be made to maintain the Greenbelt properties owned or leased by the District, in their natural state (see attached map).
2. Conservation
  - a. Board decisions shall consider the conservation of all the natural resources in the Bear Creek watershed including water, soil, vegetation, animal and fish life.
3. Cooperative Efforts
  - a. Where feasible, the Board shall strive to cooperate with environmental groups and regulatory bodies in working towards compatible goals associated with the watershed.

**Responsibility:**

It is a primary responsibility of the Board of Directors to promote the conservation of natural resources within the watershed and to discourage incompatible uses.