



# POLICY AND PROCEDURE

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**1.0 PURPOSE:**

The purpose of this policy is to provide for calculated electrical energy conservation reductions throughout the City of San Clemente parks system in times of serious energy predicaments, based upon lack of electrical energy or high energy costs.

**2.0 ORGANIZATIONS AFFECTED:**

Beaches, Parks and Recreation Department

**3.0 REFERENCES:**

NA

**4.0 POLICY:**

During times of serious electrical energy predicaments, where either electrical energy is in short supply or costs are increasing to levels that negatively affect the City's annual budget, City Council may take action to conserve electrical energy within the City's park system. The specific action taken shall be based upon the seriousness of the electrical energy predicament at the time. This policy provides for a three level energy reduction process. City Council has the authority to implement reductions based upon this policy at any level or may make modifications to this policy as is necessary to achieve the necessary conservation reductions imposed at the time.

**5.0 DEFINITIONS:**

NA

**6.0 PROCEDURE:**

City Council, upon giving direction to the City Manager to agendaize proposed electrical energy conservation efforts within the City park system, shall consider implementing energy conservation measures at a special or regularly scheduled City Council meeting. The level of reduction approved by City Council shall be at the discretion of City Council and based upon the severity of the need to conserve energy at that given time.

Level One Reduction

Reduce evening lighting of all tennis and basketball courts in City parks to every other night. Court light timers would be staggered to provide evening play of a tennis or basketball court every night in a park, but, at any given time, half of the City inventory of tennis and basketball courts with lights would be turned off.

Level Two Reduction

Reduce evening lighting of all tennis, basketball, soccer/football, and softball/baseball fields in City parks to every other night. Field timers would be staggered to provide evening play of a tennis, basketball, soccer/football, and softball/baseball field every night in a specific park, but at any given time, half of the City inventory of tennis, basketball, soccer/football, and softball/baseball fields would be turned off. Staff will work with the affected leagues to implement said reductions to best accommodate league schedules as long as the total reduction is achieved.

Level Three Reduction

Eliminate evening lighting of all tennis, basketball, soccer/football and softball/baseball fields in City parks completely. Under this option, all evening play would be eliminated throughout the park system.