

Paul Poirier + Associates

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Paul Poirier + Associates Sustainability Policy

Paul Poirier + Associates Architects is committed to transforming the marketplace to a greener economy and will strive to increase awareness about energy efficient design, healthy building materials, and architectural design in harmony with our natural environment. We will strive to make an impact by continuing to foster high building performance and thereby reducing building related greenhouse gas emissions globally. We will continue to provide leadership in our local community to support the transition to a greener future. We will suggest new innovative technologies and green projects on our projects, and will educate our clients about the benefits of these strategies. We strive to make a difference through the following policies regarding our team, our innovation and our work:

Our Team:

We encourage staff to become LEED accredited and provide reference standards in the office for credentialing exams and maintenance.

LEED accreditation of technical staff is a key consideration in hiring and rewards.

We encourage staff to volunteer and lead in organizations that support and transform accelerated sustainability in the marketplace (such as USGBC C4, the Sustainability Project, Green Building alliance, and Built Green Santa Barbara, AIACC COTE) and enable these activities through financial and in kind support.

Our Innovation:

We invest in our own research of sustainability issues that leads to new knowledge and practical tools for use on projects.

We will share our green successes and innovations with our peers, to accelerate the market transformation.

We actively share best practices and lessons learned to help our clients, partners and staff accelerate sustainable design and operations.

We will vocally support reach codes locally to exceed the state minimums for energy performance so our region can lead by example in transforming the marketplace.

Our Work:

We will define the sustainability commitment of each of our clients- their risks, opportunities and commitment level and advise them to push their envelope for inclusion of green building elements.

We will look to secure a contract for at least one zero net energy residential project and one zero net energy commercial project in the next 5 years. This project will be used to show how we can meet the California Energy Commission goals of ZNE for residential by 2020 and commercial by 2030.

We have signed the 2030 commitment as a public declaration of our work with clients and consultants to steadily accelerate our design of carbon-neutral buildings by 2030.

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