



Our landscaping uses drought-tolerant plants, drip irrigation, and mulch to reduce watering.

SUSTAINABILITY

We strive to be good neighbors and stewards of the environment. Our business practices have been nationally recognized for emphasizing environmental responsibility, with a particular focus on energy resiliency, sustainable sourcing, food waste reduction, and plastic reduction.



By sourcing greener energy from San Diego Community Power we have increased our renewable percentage from **31% to 50%**. For ongoing efficiency, our entire facility uses:

- LED light fixtures. We estimate the bulbs paid for themselves in fewer than two years.
- Energy-efficient appliances in our kitchens, saving electricity and water.
- Digital signage in the lobbies, reducing the need for single-use signage.



Local & Sustainable Catering

- Fruits, vegetables, seafood, and more are purchased within a 150-mile radius (when season permits).
- Our kitchens do not have any garbage disposals. All green waste is composted.
- Water bottle refill stations throughout the building reduce plastic waste.

"For many meeting planners, sustainable food practices are a 'must' – no longer a perk or an afterthought. It's a value we share with our clients," - Sufi Karaen, SDCC's Executive Chef



WALKABLE ENVIRONMENTS REDUCE GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS

Our central location in the heart of downtown reduces car dependence. We are:

- Within walking distance of numerous hotels, shops, and restaurants.
- Next to a trolley stop that connects visitors to north San Diego, LA, and beyond via the Santa Fe Depot.
- Just three miles from San Diego International Airport

For guests who travel by car, ten electric vehicle charging stations are available in the ACE parking garage under our building to encourage EV use.



In 2022, the City of San Diego set an aggressive target of net-zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2035.



Donations and Volunteerism

Together with event organizers, our team ensures that extra promotional items or event supplies do not go to waste by donating them to local nonprofit and educational organizations such as schools and shelters.

Donated items include:

- School supplies
- Furniture
- Electronics
- Health and wellness products



To help our community and minimize food waste, our food & beverage team partners with community nonprofits to donate unserved food to San Diegans in need.



AS MEMBERS OF THE HOSPITALITY INDUSTRY, WE ENJOY SERVING OTHERS.



Our staff and business partners participate in environmental projects and volunteer opportunities throughout the year, including:

- Participating in Operation Clean Sweep, an annual San Diego Bay clean-up day
- Planting trees in downtown San Diego

