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The South Bayside Waste Management Authority to Unveil Plans for the new Shoreway Environmental Center: California's Greenest Recycling Center and Transfer Station

Carbon Footprint to be Offset Through PG&E's ClimateSmart™ Program

SAN CARLOS, CA – March 17, 2008 – The South Bayside Waste Management Authority (SBWMA) today announced it will host a luncheon on Wednesday, March 19th from 11 am to 1 pm to unveil its capital improvement plans for transforming the Shoreway Recycling and Disposal Center (SRDC) in San Carlos into the new Shoreway Environmental Center. The SBWMA also announced that it has joined ClimateSmart™, a partnership with Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) that will reduce the SRDC's carbon footprint through investments in greenhouse gas emission reduction projects in California.

The SBWMA owns the SRDC which receives all the recyclables, organic materials, and residual materials (i.e., solid waste) collected in its service area. The SRDC consists of a permitted 3,000 ton per day solid waste transfer station and Material Recovery Facility (MRF). Allied Waste of San Mateo County currently operates the SRDC under contract with the SBWMA until December 31, 2010. The SBWMA is currently managing a competitive procurement process to award a new operations contract.

“The new Shoreway Environmental Center will be a national model for innovative recycling and material handling operations and for sustainable building practices,” remarked Kevin McCarthy, Executive Director of the SBWMA. “Our significant capital investment is critical to our plans for rolling out a dramatically expanded, and more convenient franchised solid waste, recycling and organics collection services for local residents and businesses.”

The major facility improvements include:

- 70,200 square foot new MRF building will handle an increase of over 20,000 tons per year in recyclables from residential and commercial customers. The new building will house state of the art processing equipment to handle single stream recyclables (commingled bottles/cans/papers) from customers. This new MRF building will replace an existing 48,000 square foot building.
- 14,780 square foot expansion of the existing 62,000 square foot transfer station building to increase unloading space for public customers and allow for a 30,000 ton per year increase in organic materials such as plant materials and food scraps collected from local residents and businesses.
- Green building features such as use of photovoltaic panels to generate renewable energy to power site operations, rainwater capture and reuse, translucent panels to maximize day-lighting, use of native plants and low water use plants, etc.
- The MRF and transfer station buildings will have dedicated space for visitors to view facility operations. Space will also be set aside for an environmental education center for children.
- New scale house and related traffic enhancements to make it safer and easier for all of our customers to use the facility.
- New Public Recycling Center to consolidate all public recycling services into one convenient, safer location with a separate entrance off Shoreway Road.

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“We are proud to be the host city for this environmental facility, it’s truly a green asset for us,” stated Bob Grassilli, Vice Mayor of San Carlos. “This new expanded facility will help us increase our recycling rates and fits in perfectly with our vision for San Carlos as the greenest city in America.”

ClimateSmart is a voluntary program which enables PG&E's residential and business customers to fund environmental projects aimed at removing greenhouse gases from the air. Customers who enroll will pay a separate amount on their monthly utility bills to remove or avoid the equivalent carbon dioxide (CO2) associated with their energy use – therefore making them "climate neutral." When a customer enrolls in ClimateSmart, PG&E will calculate the amount of greenhouse gas emissions produced by the customer's electricity and gas usage.

"By designing green, energy efficient buildings which include on-site solar energy, and then signing up for ClimateSmart to make the remaining energy use climate neutral, SBWMA is setting a great example for other public agencies and businesses by demonstrating its commitment to protecting our environment," said Janice Berman, senior director of Customer Energy Efficiency, Generation and Revenue Development for PG&E. "We look forward to working with SBWMA and our other customers in northern and central California to combat climate change with our portfolio of smart energy solutions."

PG&E was enrolled as the first participant in ClimateSmart by committing more than \$1.5 million of shareholder funding over the next three years to make the energy use in the company's offices, service centers, maintenance facilities and other company buildings completely climate neutral.

The SRDC is a critical piece of public works infrastructure that needs updating. The transformation of the SRDC into a world class environmentally sustainable operation known as the **Shoreway Environmental Center** is to provide the recycling infrastructure required to handle an expected annual increase of over 50,000 tons of recyclables and organics from the new franchised recycling collection programs to start by January 1, 2011. All current franchise agreements are held by Allied Waste Services of San Mateo County and expire on December 31, 2010.

“The SRDC facility exemplifies the type of local efforts we need throughout the entire state to increase recycling and demonstrate how sustainable waste management practices are a critical tool to combat global warming,” commented Rosalie Mule’, Board Member of the California Integrated Waste Management Board.

About South Bayside Waste Management Authority (SBWMA)

Formed in 1982, the South Bayside Waste Management Authority (SBWMA) is a joint powers authority of twelve member agencies in San Mateo County, California and is a leader in delivering innovative waste reduction and recycling programs. To learn more about the SBWMA or how you can help reduce, reuse and recycle your waste, please visit our website at www.rethinkwaste.org.

Event Details

WHEN: Wednesday, March 19, 2008, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Program at 11:30 am and lunch served at noon.

WHERE: Shoreway Recycling and Disposal Center, 333 Shoreway Road, San Carlos, CA 94070

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