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NEW CONTRACTS FOR PROCESSING PLANT MATERIALS AND FOOD SCRAPS APPROVED *Newby Island and Recology Grover to Process Materials from New Collection Services Starting in January 2011*

SAN CARLOS, CA - April 22, 2010 - Today RethinkWaste's Board of Directors approved separate agreements with Browning-Ferris Industries of California (BFI) and Recology Grover Environmental Products for the processing of a total of approximately 60-70,000 tons per year of plant materials and food scraps into compost. BFI and Recology Grover will be processing materials collected by Recology San Mateo County through the new residential and commercial collection programs set to start January 1, 2011, making these agreements the last critical contracts associated with the new services.

BFI will process the materials at its Newby Island facility in San Jose and Recology Grover will process them at its facility south of Tracy. The term of the agreements are for four years, starting January 1, 2011, and include options for extending the contracts for a maximum of two years. The estimated total value (annual revenue) for these two contracts is \$3.24 million in the first year. The decision to have two processors was to ensure that capacity would be available to process the large quantities of material anticipated with the new services, and to reduce the risk to RethinkWaste and its Member Agencies should an issue arise with one of the facilities during the contract term.

"We have negotiated two cost competitive contracts to deliver these critical composting services for our customers," said Kevin McCarthy, Executive Director of RethinkWaste. "Composting of materials is a key part of our long-term efforts to reduce waste going to the landfill and lowering associated greenhouse gas emissions."

Newby Island is the processor for the materials currently collected through the franchised residential and commercial collection services provide by Allied Waste of San Mateo County. Newby Island's existing agreement expires on December 31, 2010, which prompted RethinkWaste to issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) for Organic Materials Processing Services in April 2008. A total of seven proposals were received in response to the RFP.

Following evaluation, it was determined that three processors - Newby Island, Recology Grover and Zanker Road - would be short-listed for further evaluation based on their costs, facility location, facility permit status and end-use markets for the compost, among others. Ultimately, Newby Island and Recology Grover were recommended for selection based on offering the greatest security for

RethinkWaste by providing two composting facilities that were currently permitted and had the ability of handling the volume of materials generated by RethinkWaste.

RethinkWaste

Formed in 1982, RethinkWaste is a joint powers authority comprised of 12 Member Agencies (Atherton, Belmont, Burlingame, East Palo Alto, Foster City, Hillsborough, Menlo Park, Redwood City, San Carlos, San Mateo, the County of San Mateo and the West Bay Sanitary District) in San Mateo County and is a leader in implementing innovative waste reduction and recycling programs. RethinkWaste also owns and manages the Shoreway facility in San Carlos consisting of a permitted solid waste transfer station and a recycling processing facility. The Agency's legal name is the South Bayside Waste Management Authority (SBWMA.) For more information on RethinkWaste, please visit our website at www.RethinkWaste.org.

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