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SAN MATEO APPROVES CONVENIENT DOOR-TO-DOOR HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION PROGRAM

New Program Starts May 1 for San Mateo, Belmont, Hillsborough and San Carlos

SAN CARLOS, CA - March 17, 2010 - The City of San Mateo approved providing Door-to-Door Household Hazardous Waste (HHW), Universal Waste (U-Waste), Electronic Scrap (E-Scrap), Sharps and Medicine Recycling Collection Services to its single-family and multi-family residents at its March 15, 2010 City Council meeting. San Mateo is the fourth South Bayside Waste Management Authority (SBWMA) Member Agency that will offer the new program which starts May 1, 2010. The Cities of Belmont and San Carlos, and the Town of Hillsborough have also approved participating in the program. SBWMA will be launching a public education campaign in April to promote the new program to the participating communities.

"San Mateo is always looking for ways of making it easier for our community to do the right thing," said Larry Patterson, San Mateo's Public Works Director. "This program provides a simple, convenient and responsible way for our residents to set out hazardous waste, electronic waste and other unwanted materials for collection, while protecting our environment."

The program will provide a safe, convenient way for San Mateo residents to properly manage items such as paint, solvents, insecticides, cleaning products, fluorescent lamps, laptops, computers monitors, TVs and sharps. Residents will call a toll free number or send an email to order a "kit bag" from Curbside, Inc., the vendor selected by the SBWMA to provide the service, to place these types of items inside and schedule an appointment for its collection. Curbside, Inc. will then properly recycle, reuse, re-refine or dispose of the materials collected.

"We applaud the City of San Mateo for approving this innovative green program and look forward to rolling this service out to many more communities in the next year," said Kevin McCarthy, Executive Director of the SBWMA. "45 cents per month is a great value for residents to empty out their garages of old paint, household chemicals and other potentially environmentally harmful discarded products."

Costs for the services will be \$0.45 per month for single-family households and \$0.20 per month for multi-family residents. The cost for this new service will be added to the garbage rates.

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City of Menlo Park • City of Redwood City • City of San Carlos • City of San Mateo • County of San Mateo • West Bay Sanitary District

SBWMA awarded Curbside a three-year contract for the services in October 2009. The Southern California-based company provides door-to-door services to over 40 jurisdictions across the country. Materials collected from the SBWMA service area will be processed at Curbside's Richmond facility in the East Bay until they develop a new facility in San Mateo County for the SBWMA service area. Other SBWMA Member Agencies are considering offering the new program to their residents in 2011.

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Formed in 1982, the SBWMA 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. The SBWMA also owns and manages the Shoreway facility in San Carlos consisting of a permitted solid waste transfer station and a recycling processing facility. For more information on the SBWMA, please visit our website at www.RethinkWaste.org.

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