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South Bayside Waste Management Authority Releases Its 2006 Annual Recycling Report

SAN CARLOS, CA – April 18, 2007 - The South Bayside Waste Management Authority (SBWMA) today released its Annual Recycling Report detailing results of local recycling collection programs and Shoreway operations for the year 2006. “Residents and businesses recycled record amounts of organic materials (yard trimmings from homes and food scraps from businesses) in 2006,” noted Kevin McCarthy, Executive Director of the SBWMA. “We also continued to see the positive results of many of our member agencies encouraging construction and demolition recycling from new construction, home remodels and demo projects.”

The overall trend in 2006 for SBWMA’s member agencies was to landfill less and recycle more. There was a 3% overall increase in recycling reported by Allied Waste Services of San Mateo County (Allied), the solid waste hauler that provides service to SBWMA’s member agencies. A significant part of the increase in recycling is due to a 67% improvement in diverting truckloads of construction and demolition material from disposal at the Shoreway transfer station to a processing facility at Zanker Road in San Jose. Additionally, there was more than a 60% increase in tonnage collected under the Commercial Organics Program which targets food scraps and other compostable material from businesses such as restaurants yielding 18,000 tons. The residential yard trimmings tonnage reached an all-time high with over 50,000 tons collected via curbside carts in 2006.

Although the trend shows fewer tons of material landfilled in 2006 (approximately 5% fewer tons than in 2005), there are still over 330 large semi-trailer truckloads of material hauled to Allied Waste’s Ox Mountain landfill in Half Moon Bay every week from SBWMA’s service area. “We look forward to expanded customer education and outreach this year to encourage businesses and residents to reduce waste and recycle more,” says McCarthy. “We will also be working closely with Allied Waste to explore new recycling opportunities for our customers.”

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About South Bayside Waste Management Authority (SBWMA)

Formed in 1982, the SBWMA is a joint powers authority of twelve member agencies (the cities of Atherton, Belmont, Burlingame, East Palo Alto, Foster City, Hillsborough, Menlo Park, Redwood City, San Carlos and San Mateo along with the County of San Mateo and the West Bay Sanitary District) in San Mateo County and is a leader in innovative recycling and waste-reduction programs. The primary goal of the SBWMA is to provide cost-effective waste reduction, recycling, and solid waste programs to member agencies through franchised services and other recyclers to meet and sustain a minimum 50% diversion rate mandated by California State Law, AB 939. Currently, Allied Waste of San Mateo County provides collection services for 91,000 residences and nearly 10,000 businesses under franchise contracts through December 31, 2010.

The SBWMA also owns and manages the Shoreway Recycling and Disposal Center (SRDC) in San Carlos consisting of a permitted 3000 ton per day solid waste transfer station and Materials Recovery Facility. Allied Waste provides operations services under contract through December 31, 2010.

To learn more about the SBWMA please visit our web site at www.RethinkWaste.org.

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