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DEMOLITION OF SHOREWAY RECYCLING PLANT UNDERWAY
Public Can View Construction via RethinkWaste.org Website

SAN CARLOS, CA - November 12, 2009 - Demolition of the South Bayside Waste Management Authority's (SBWMA) Shoreway Recycling and Disposal Center in San Carlos began on November 9, 2009. This marks the beginning of the major construction planned at the facility to transform it into the Shoreway Environmental Center, California's Greenest Recycling Center and Transfer Station. The public can view the demolition and construction of the MRF through webcams hosted on the SBWMA's website at <http://www.rethinkwaste.org/shoreway-facility/construction-webcam>.

The building that is currently being torn down is an existing 48,000-square-foot materials recovery facility (MRF) where the recyclables from the SBWMA's residential and commercial customers were being processed. In its place, a new 70,200-square-foot MRF will be constructed to handle an increase of over 20,000 tons of recyclables. Once building construction is completed, the new MRF will house state-of-the-art processing equipment specially designed to process and separate single stream recyclables, where bottles, cans and paper products are mixed together.

"We are now making tangible progress towards fulfilling our vision for state-of-the-art, cost-effective collection services for local residents and businesses," said Kevin McCarthy, Executive Director of the SBWMA. "Once construction activities are complete at the Shoreway facility, we will have the most technologically advanced recycling systems in the country."

In addition to the MRF construction, the SBWMA will be expanding the existing 62,000-square-foot transfer station by an additional 14,780 square feet to increase unloading space for public customers. It will also allow for a 30,000-ton-per-year increase in plant materials and food scraps collected from local residents and businesses. The transfer station construction is expected to begin in August 2010. All construction activity is expected to be completed in the spring 2011.

Other key features of the future facility include a relocated buy-back center and free recycling drop-off to provide the public a safer and more convenient access to the area, major traffic improvements for customer safety, "Green Building" features, and a new environmental education center.

The public areas at Shoreway, including the transfer station, buy-back center and free recycling drop-off remain open during the MRF construction. The public is encouraged to visit RethinkWaste.org for up-to-date construction information and any changes to services offered.

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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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