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## ***Shoreway Facility Tour Program Update:*** **Construction to Impact Public Tours Availability from Fall 2019 to Summer 2020**

**SAN CARLOS, CA – August 9, 2019** – RethinkWaste is always looking for ways to improve the equipment and processes at our publicly-owned Shoreway Environmental Center, and have just begun the installation of new, updated machinery to divert organics waste from landfill and convert it into natural biogas. While exciting, this project involves major construction, a major time commitment and major safety concerns for our site workers and guests.

The safety of our community members is our top priority and to ensure public safety and accommodate construction schedules and severely reduced parking capacity at the facilities, **tours for the general public will not be available Fall 2019 through Summer 2020.**

Tours will still be offered to school, business and organization groups that are able to arrive by bus. No-charge busing is provided for 3rd-5th grade classes in the RethinkWaste service area of Atherton, Belmont, Burlingame, East Palo Alto, Foster City, Hillsborough, Menlo Park, Redwood City, San Carlos, San Mateo, parts of unincorporated San Mateo County and the West Bay Sanitary District.

Tour access to certain areas of the Shoreway Environmental Center Transfer Station and Materials Recovery Facility may also be affected by construction activity during this period.

The RethinkWaste team expresses our sincerest apologies for the inconvenience. For questions or inquiries about qualifications for bus sponsorship, please contact Emi Hashizume.

We look forward to seeing you after the dust settles.

### **About RethinkWaste**

RethinkWaste is a joint powers authority of twelve public agencies in San Mateo County (Atherton, Belmont, Burlingame, East Palo Alto, Foster City, Hillsborough, Menlo Park, Redwood City, San Carlos, City of San Mateo, parts of unincorporated San Mateo County and the West Bay Sanitary District). We own and manage the 16-acre Shoreway Environmental Center facility, located at 333 Shoreway Road in San Carlos, which processes all the collected trash, recyclable and compostable materials. This facility has a \$130 million dollar annual operating budget, handles and processes almost 500,000 tons of materials annually--more than half are recycled and creates almost 400 jobs for our local community. See [www.RethinkWaste.org](http://www.RethinkWaste.org) and follow us on Facebook and Twitter at @RethinkWaste.

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