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Sacramento County Receives International Award

Department of Waste Management and Recycling recognized with Gold Award

Sacramento, Calif. – Sacramento County Waste Management and Recycling has been recognized with the highest award for excellence by the Solid Waste Association of North America (SWANA). The County received the Gold Award for its Integrated Solid Waste Management Systems (ISWM) in competition with the more than 8,000 members of SWANA throughout the continent.

“It is an honor to be recognized by the Solid Waste Association of North America. The award is a reflection of excellence in all aspects of our operation,” said Paul Philleo, Director of Sacramento County Waste Management and Recycling. “We provide superior customer service and environmental stewardship with some of the lowest prices in our market area.”

An integrated solid waste management system is a comprehensive waste prevention, recycling, composting, and disposal program. An effective ISWM system considers how to reduce, recycle, and manage solid waste in ways that most effectively protect human health and the environment. ISWM involves evaluating local needs and conditions, and then selecting and combining the most appropriate waste management activities for those conditions. The major ISWM activities are waste reduction, recycling and composting, and disposal in properly designed, constructed, and managed landfills. Each of these activities requires careful planning, financing, collection, and transport.

The SWANA 2012 Excellence Awards were announced on June 19 in Silver Spring, Md. and will be acknowledged and awarded at the annual WASTECON conference in Washington D.C. on August 14, 2012.

Representatives of the department are available to make presentations at business forums, community meetings, and to school programs. For more information about the department and its functions, please visit www.sacgreenteam.com.

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