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ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT **FACT SHEET**

MAYOR SANDERS HONORS RECIPIENTS OF 17th ANNUAL WASTE REDUCTION AND RECYCLING AWARDS

34 local businesses and organizations recognized at event

SAN DIEGO, CA— Mayor Jerry Sanders congratulates winners of the **17th Annual Waste Reduction and Recycling Awards** for their efforts and accomplishments in protecting our environment and conserving natural resources.

“The efforts of our concerned businesses and organizations, like those showcased in this program, have played an exemplary role in achieving the City’s waste reduction goals.”
-Mayor Jerry Sanders

The Waste Reduction and Recycling Awards program, sponsored by the City’s Environmental Services Department (ESD), honored 34 local companies and organizations for their successful and innovative waste reduction programs that significantly contribute to diverting waste from the landfill, recycling, and conserving natural resources.

The efforts of these businesses and organizations contributed to the City of San Diego being able to decrease the amount of trash brought into the Miramar Landfill by 300,000 tons over the last year. This decrease, coupled with a recent height increase agreement with the Marine Corp Air Station – Miramar, and two recycling ordinances has resulted in the lifespan of the landfill being extended from 2012 to, at least 2017.

The 2009 Waste Reduction and Recycling Awards categories:

- **Recycling Partner** is awarded to one business or organization that have worked closely with ESD and whose vision, commitment and advocacy for the environment positively impacts San Diego’s communities.
- **Recycler of the Year** awards are the highest honor for the most comprehensive, innovative and/or improved recycling programs.
- **Director’s Recycling Awards** are given to companies for their excellent waste reduction and

diversion efforts.

The 2009 Recycling Partner Awards were given to:

- **EDCO – RECYCLING AND WASTE COLLECTION SERVICES**
- **HANSON AGGREGATES**
- **VULCAN MATERIALS COMPANY**

The Recycler of the Year Awards are presented to:

- **AMYLIN PHARMACEUTICALS:** Amylin’s “Green Team” continues to improve their waste diversion efforts. In 2008, they also received their ISO 14001 certification which added to their efforts to protect the environment and conserve natural resources.
- **EMBASSY SUITES – LA JOLLA:** A stand-out component of the recycling program at Embassy Suites – La Jolla is the in-room recycling provided to hotel guests. Coupled with their other waste diversion practices, they help make a difference in their industry.
- **MERCURY – CELEBRITY CRUISES:** Even in the confined spaces of a cruise ship, Mercury – Celebrity Cruises works hard to manage their waste stream and recycle as much as possible. This includes requiring less packaging from suppliers to minimize waste on-board.
- **NAVY REGION SOUTHWEST:** The Command Navy Region Southwest Integrated Waste Management Program continues to minimize the amount of waste generated including a new program to donate furniture for reuse in other areas, keeping over 50 tons of furniture out of the landfill in 2008.
- **NOLTE ASSOCIATES:** By maintaining a strong employee education program, Nolte Associates continues to impress with their waste reduction efforts. A Sustainability Office Champion is chosen in each office to lead the charge in moving forward with Nolte’s commitment to environmentally-friendly business practices.
- **PETCO PARK – SAN DIEGO PADRES:** PETCO Park has streamlined their food waste program resulting in almost 160 tons being recycled into compost at the Miramar Landfill’s Greenery section. This was in addition to 132 tons of green waste also being recycled at the Greenery. Their continued success with other waste diversion programs has earned them a spot along with the other winners.
- **POINT LOMA NAZARENE UNIVERSITY:** PLNU has worked hard to keep students and faculty on top of the “green” curve through numerous programs including donating used furniture, composting food scraps and other practices. Also, students recently approved a bill that would increase tuition by \$5 for their “green” fund.
- **REUBEN H. FLEET SCIENCE CENTER:** After a major make-over of the IMAX Theatre, the science center made sure the old chairs and left-over carpeting were put to good use. The chairs were donated for reuse and the carpet was granulated for recycling purposes. This is on top of their many other waste diversion practices and educational programs.
- **SAN DIEGO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT:** The Airport put their commitment in writing in 2008. The Airport Authority approved a Sustainability Policy that looks to natural resource conservation and social responsibility as guides for their waste reduction and recycling programs.
- **SEAWORLD:** SeaWorld has a comprehensive environmental program that serves as a model for many businesses and organizations. Some of the key elements are their food scraps program, and the outreach and education efforts for employees and the general public.

- **VA HEALTHCARE SYSTEM – SAN DIEGO:** The VA Hospital continues with their award winning programs and manages to improve their numbers every year. A 19% increase in waste diversion through recycling is just one of the impressive statistics.
- **WALMART STORES INC.:** The retail giant has made a big impact locally with their innovative ideas to divert waste from landfills. Walmart stores collect all their plastic wrap used in shipping and make a Super Sandwich Bale. This is recycled along with tons of other plastics, cardboards and other materials.

Director's Recycling Award:

- **Allied Waste Services**
- **Crowne Plaza Hanalei San Diego**
- **Green Field Paper Company**
- **Hewlett Packard - San Diego**
- **IKEA San Diego**
- **Kyocera Wireless Corp.**
- **La Jolla/Riford Library**
- **Manchester Grand Hyatt San Diego**
- **Pacific Beach / Taylor Branch Library**
- **Qualcomm, Incorporated**
- **Cobham Sensor Systems San Diego**
- **SAIC**
- **San Diego State University**
- **San Diego Zoo**
- **Synthetic Genomics, Inc.**
- **The San Diego Union-Tribune**
- **University of California, San Diego**
- **Vons A Safeway Company**
- **Whole Foods Market - La Jolla**

For more information about the City's Waste Reduction & Recycling Awards or establishing business recycling programs, please contact ESD's Customer Service at (858) 694-7000, or visit the website at www.sdrecyclingworks.com.

The City of San Diego's Environmental Services Department is charged with refuse collection and disposal, recycling and environmentally sound landfill management to meet the City's long-term disposal needs. The department also oversees the City's management of energy use, and explores innovative options for energy independence and sustainability.

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