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HEIGHT INCREASE AGREEMENT EXTENDS LIFESPAN OF MIRAMAR LANDFILL

**MAYOR SANDERS JOINS MARINE OFFICIALS IN CELEBRATING
THE IMPORTANT BENEFITS OF NEW AGREEMENT**

The City of San Diego has worked out an agreement with military officials at Marine Corps Air Station – Miramar that will allow the City to extend the lifespan of the Miramar Landfill, the City’s only refuse disposal facility. The agreement allows the City to increase the height of the landfill by up to 20 feet and is carefully crafted to ensure that landfill operations will not interfere with Marine Corps activities at the air station. The City is gaining an additional five years of life for landfill with the changes allowed in the new agreement.

“We are very grateful to the Marine Corps for their support. This agreement will allow the City to rely on the Miramar Landfill as the most convenient and efficient place for refuse disposal for years to come. It gives us the time we need to plan for future waste disposal options. It also gives us an opportunity to show what good tenants we have been and will now continue to be with the Marines.”

Mayor Jerry Sanders

This is the second major extension of the landfill’s life expectancy. The landfill, in operation since 1959, was initially slated for closure in 1995. Innovative engineering, recycling programs and other improvements in solid waste management allowed the City to extend that deadline to 2012. The new agreement will give the City until at least 2017 to plan additional improvements to its waste management practices and to prepare future waste disposal options.

RECYCLING ORDINANCES HELP EXTEND MIRAMAR LANDFILL’S LIFE EXPECTANCY

The City of San Diego has implemented two key recycling ordinances that make it mandatory for residents and businesses to recycle many waste products. Those working on construction, demolition and remodeling projects are now required to recycle at least half of their debris. The

citywide Recycling Ordinance also extends mandatory recycling requirements among businesses and residents alike across the city.

Both of these new regulations will keep recyclables out of the landfill and continue to extend to life of the facility. City residents currently recycle about 55% of their waste. With approximately nine million pounds of trash generated each day in San Diego, that rate translates into about 1.68 million tons a year still going into area landfills. City officials hope the new regulations will help achieve an even higher recycling rate believed possible for San Diego's waste stream because of the City's new Recycling Ordinances.

MIRAMAR LANDFILL FACTS AND FIGURES

- The Landfill accepts trash from city, private and self-haulers.
- The Landfill accepts approximately 5,000 tons of waste Monday through Friday (less on weekends).
- The Landfill is open 361 days per year, rain or shine.
- Approximately 1,400 – 1,600 customers bring materials to the landfill each day.
- Trash is brought to the Miramar Landfill in approximately 446,000 vehicles each year.
- Customers' vehicles are checked at random for hazardous materials.
- Some 34,000 pounds of hazardous substances are discovered and diverted for proper disposal annually.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

For more information regarding operations at the Miramar Landfill, visit:
www.sandiego.gov/environmental-services/miramar.

For recycling tips and information on recycling programs at the City of San Diego, visit:
www.sdrecyclingworks.com.

The City of San Diego's Environmental Services Department is charged with refuse collection disposal, recycling and environmentally sound management to meet the city's long-term disposal needs. For more information about the Environmental Services Department, visit
www.sandiego.gov/environmental-services/.

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