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**MORE PUBLIC TOURS AT THE SHOREWAY ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER IN SAN CARLOS
OFFERED FOR SUMMER**

Additional Free Tours Offered for the General Public and Businesses in June and July

SAN CARLOS, CA – May 24, 2016 – RethinkWaste is pleased to announce that for the fourth year in a row, additional Public Open House Day tours will be held at the Shoreway Environmental Center in San Carlos this summer to give the general public and local businesses more opportunities to see the facility in operation. Public Open House tours will take place on Thursdays in June and July (June 16, June 23, June 30, July 7, July 14, July 21 and July 28). Tours will be held twice on each of the Public Open House Day, from 9:30-10:30 am and 11:30 am-12:30 pm. There will be no public tours in August.

The free tours include visiting the Transfer Station, where garbage, food scraps and yard trimmings are handled; outdoor education area, with a demonstration garden and composting system, rainwater harvest tank and solar panel display; a state-of-art Materials Recovery Facility (MRF), where recyclables are processed; the Environmental Education Center, which includes museum-quality exhibits, reuse art and a talking robot; and more. Tour participants will learn about the 4Rs (reduce, reuse, recycle and rot), resource conservation and have the unique opportunity to see firsthand what happens to garbage, recyclables and organics once they are picked up from their homes and businesses.

“Looking for a fun and educative tour to do this summer? Come check us out at the Shoreway Environmental Center,” said Faustina Mututa, RethinkWaste Environmental Education Coordinator. “It’s a great way to spend a couple of hours learning how to be better environmental stewards in an engaged, interactive way. Bring your family, friends and neighbors too!”

The Shoreway Environmental Center is located at 333 Shoreway Road in San Carlos. Tours and reservations can be made by sending an email to tours@RethinkWaste.org or calling (650) 802-3506. All tours will be scheduled on a first-come, first-served basis. Reservations for groups of five or more are required. Individual reservations are also recommended to ensure space availability. Public Open House Days will return to their regular schedule of being held the first and third Thursday of the month starting in September. For more information on the tour program, please visit www.RethinkWaste.org/tours.

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