



MEMORANDUM

DATE: December 2, 2016

TO: Board of Directors
TAC Members
San Mateo County's Household Hazardous Waste Program

From Joe La Mariana, Executive Director

SUBJECT: CONTRACT EXPIRATION NOTICE:
"AT YOUR DOOR" HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE PROGRAM TO END
ON DECEMBER 31, 2016

On November 17, 2016, the SBWMA Board declined to accept the proposed new 5-year pricing presented by Waste Management for its At-Your-Door Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection Service that currently exists in the entire SBWMA service area. The current contract expires on December 31, 2016.

Waste Management Curbside Inc. and RethinkWaste staff negotiated in good faith to extend the current contract for an additional five years, however, the main reasons why this residential program's contract was not renewed are:

- The annual price would double by the end of the 5-year extension (from about \$140 per pick up to almost \$300 per pick up) ;
- Annual program participation rates were less than six percent; and
- San Mateo County has an existing HHW collection drop-off program and we want to maximize this value to our residential ratepayers

This is a request to all Member Agencies to promote the program termination notice on their website and other outreach resources (promotional material attached).

A postcard (attached) is being mailed within the next few days which will notify all residents that the program is ending and to schedule any last minute appointments. The notification also reminds residents of the full suite of HHW services provided by San Mateo County. The County has:

1. A permanent HHW drop-off facility located at Tower Road that is open three days a week (By appointment only on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays)
2. HHW drop off facilities open once a month in Pacifica and South San Francisco and
3. A variety of temporary HHW drop off events scheduled throughout the year conducted in various cities within the County.

For more information regarding the San Mateo County HHW program visit www.smchealth.org/hhw or call (650) 363-4718.

As to the future, SBWMA Staff is working collaboratively with the County's HHW program to expand HHW handling options and promote temporary collection events in our service area, as well as considering a permanent facility at the SBWMA's own facility, known as the Shoreway Environmental Center, located in San Carlos. This facility currently accepts 50 percent of all HHW classified materials for drop off.

Feel free to contact RethinkWaste at (650) 802-3500 or visit RethinkWaste.org for more information.

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