

2005-06 Green Team Annual Update



Background

- ◆ Formed on April 20, 1999 in honor of Earth Week;
- ◆ Goal to promote environmental stewardship in County operations through efficient use of resources and reduction in use of pesticides;
- ◆ Comprised of representatives from Public Works, General Services, Parks Depts. and Agricultural Commissioner's Office;

Commingled Recycling Program

- ◆ Over 150 County facilities have commingled recycling;
- ◆ Space constraints and leasing situations hinder efforts to expand recycling;
- ◆ Recycling containers provided to 21 sites for 11 County depts. this past year;



Hazardous Waste Recycling

- ◆ Used batteries from work activities collected and sent to Mail Services Division;
- ◆ Batteries sorted by category and taken to Community Hazardous Waste Collection Center;
- ◆ Approximately 600 pounds of batteries collected during 2005-06;

Energy Conservation

- ◆ Continue to test, evaluate, and install sensor controlled light switches;
- ◆ HVAC system for 3rd & 4th floors of Administration building replaced;
- ◆ Enrolled in “demand bid” program offered by So. Ca. Edison (SCE) and PG & E;
- ◆ SCE conducting energy audit of County buildings;

Water Conservation

- ◆ Pilot project begun in 2005 to convert existing urinals to waterless urinals;
- ◆ Parks Dept. 1st to participate by installing two waterless urinals at Arroyo Burro Park in 2006;
- ◆ All County depts. are now eligible;

Water Pollution Prevention

- ◆ Storm Water Management Program addresses following areas of water quality protection:
 - a) Public education/outreach;
 - b) Public participation;
 - c) Detection and elimination of illicit discharges ;

Water Pollution Prevention (cont'd)

- d) Construction runoff controls;
- e) Post construction (or new development) runoff controls;
- f) Good housekeeping practices at municipal operations;

Hybrid Vehicles and Electric Carts

- ◆ Three Toyota Prius and ten Honda Civic hybrid cars;
- ◆ Eight electric carts suitable for short trips;
- ◆ Twenty-six Saturn compact cars;



Playgrounds

- ◆ Parks Dept. uses recycled tires and wood chips as “fall zone” surfaces;
- ◆ Two playground structures made of plastic lumber and three structures made of other recycled materials installed over last four years;

Green Buildings

- ◆ County committed to constructing “green” buildings;
- ◆ Three green buildings constructed over past two years:
 - a) Public works building in Santa Maria;
 - b) Lompoc Health Clinic;
 - c) Casa Nueva;

Future Actions

- ◆ Resume regular meetings;
- ◆ Identify and prioritize issues to address during coming year;
- ◆ Solicit expertise of local organizations (e.g. CEC) and resources to help Green Team accomplish its goals;

Integrated Pest Management Strategy Annual Update

- ◆ On April 4, 2000, the Board of Supervisors adopted the Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Strategy;
- ◆ IPM Strategy Annual Update includes a summary of pesticide use and progress reports on use of IPM practices;
- ◆ The following updates are provided by the Parks and General Services Depts. and Flood Control and Roads Divisions of the Public Works Dept.: