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StopWaste Celebrates 2016 Business Efficiency Award Winners

Eight Alameda County Companies Recognized for Waste Reduction Excellence

Oakland, CA—At a recognition event yesterday, StopWaste acknowledged the recipients of the 2016 StopWaste Business Efficiency Awards, given for outstanding achievements in waste reduction. The winners—eight companies from around Alameda County—represent a wide range of industries and were selected for their leadership in reducing waste and increasing efficiency through waste prevention, recycling and composting, and efficient energy use.

StopWaste Executive Director Wendy Sommer praised the award winners for their achievements: “In the last 25 years, we’ve cut the amount of garbage going to landfill in half in Alameda County, in part because of businesses like the ones we are recognizing today,” Sommer said. “And that’s in spite of a population increase of over 20 percent during that time,” she added.

Although recycling has been mandatory for many businesses and institutions in Alameda County since 2012, proactive and innovative efficiency measures are important. “These businesses propel us forward as a county and set the bar higher, inspiring others by demonstrating what’s possible,” Sommer stated. In 2010 the agency adopted a Strategic Plan with the goal to reduce readily recyclable or compostable materials in the garbage to less than 10 percent.

The award categories and winners are:

Excellence in Recycling & Composting – Commercial Sector

Corning Life Sciences (Union City)
Mobile Mini (Fremont)
Oracle Americas, Inc. (Pleasanton)

Excellence in Recycling & Composting – Multi-Family Sector

Felson Companies, Inc. (Hayward)

Excellence in Reducing Disposable Food Service Ware

Lola's Chicken Shack (Alameda)

Excellence in Reducing Wasted Food

Foods Co (Oakland)

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Excellence in Energy Efficiency

Richard Avelar & Associates Architects (Oakland)

Leadership & Achievement in Sustainability

SMART Modular Technologies, Inc. (Newark)

More information about each awardee's achievements is available at

www.StopWaste.Org/2016Awards.

The StopWaste Business Efficiency Awards honor Alameda County businesses and institutions whose continuous efforts to improve environmental performance and business efficiency have achieved outstanding results. Since the inception of the awards program in 2000, more than 120 Alameda County businesses and institutions have been recognized.

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