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**TO:** Planning & Organization Committee/Recycling Board

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**SUBJECT:** Grantee Presentation: Fix It Clinic

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## **SUMMARY**

The Recycling Board has requested periodic status reports on recipients of the Grants program, which has been in place for more than 21 years. Staff has selected Fix It Clinic to provide an update and brief presentation at the August 10 Planning & Organization/Recycling Board meeting on the reuse and waste reduction/prevention activities they have been engaged in as a result of grant funding.

## **DISCUSSION**

Fix It Clinics are hands-on, do-it-together, fix-and-learn community based exploration and discovery workshops. They're staffed by volunteer coaches who generously share their time, tools and expertise to consult with the general public on the disassembly, troubleshooting, and repair of non-functioning items.

Clinics provide a forum for the general public to bring broken, non-functioning items—electronics, appliances, computers, toys, sewing machines, bicycles, fabric items, etc.—for assessment, disassembly, and possible repair. The clinics provide work space, specialty tools, and guidance from coaches.

StopWaste has awarded Fix It Clinic two \$5,000 mini grants to expand the number of coaches and clinics held in Alameda County. Over the two-year period, they have held 30 clinics with over 300 participants in the county. Grant funding helped Fix It Clinic recruit new coaches, specifically in the south and eastern parts of the county. Peter Mui from Fix It Clinic will provide a brief presentation on their grant-funded activities to date.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

This item is for information only.