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**DATE:** June 9, 2016

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

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**SUBJECT:** 4Rs (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Rot) Student Action Project Presentation

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#### **SUMMARY**

StopWaste's elementary school program, the 4Rs Student Action Project, has been serving the county's students, teachers, school district leaders and school communities for the past six years. At the June 9, 2016 Planning & Organization/Recycling Board meeting, staff will present a short summary of project highlights as an information item.

#### **DISCUSSION**

The 4Rs Student Action Project engages schools in activities that support both educational goals and Agency initiatives, in particular Ready Set Recycle, sheet mulching, and food waste prevention. At the committee meeting, staff will give a brief overview of the project's methodology, goals and highlights. One specific highlight is the partnership with Bay Farm Elementary School in Alameda. Their participation in the 4R's program supported their recent recognition as a Green Ribbon School by the U.S. Department of Education this spring. At the meeting, Bay Farm students will be in attendance to showcase their Green Ribbon award presentations.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

This item is for information only.