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TO: Planning & Organization Committee/Recycling Board

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SUBJECT: Azevada Elementary School Parent Teacher's Association
Nonprofit Grantee Presentation

BACKGROUND

The Recycling Board has awarded grants through the Grants to Nonprofits program for the past seventeen years via an open Request for Proposal process. In that time, the Recycling Board has awarded approximately \$7.25 million dollars in grant funding from the Competitive and Reuse grants program. The Board has requested periodic status reports on grant recipients. Staff has selected Azevada Elementary School Parent Teacher's Association to provide an update and brief presentation. Presentation to include the work Azevada Elementary students and families have been engaged in to increase food scrap recycling in their Fremont community as a result of their recent \$5,000 Community Outreach Grant funding.

DISCUSSION

Azevada Elementary PTA was one of the first recipients to receive a Community Outreach grant which focused on promoting the importance of food scrap recycling to non-English speaking, low-income communities. Using the Ready Set Recycle curriculum coupled with presentations by StopWaste's Community Outreach Associate, Azevada has done an impressive job in educating their Fremont community on simple and effective ways to increase food waste recycling. The grant served as a catalyst for Azevada Elementary School in implementing food scrap recycling for the 2014-2015 school year. A year later, Azevada partnered with StopWaste and the Community Rejuvenation project to complete a mural promoting composting at school and in the community.

Maryann Koller, PTA president, will be presenting the outcomes and results of the recent grant.

RECOMMENDATION

This item is for information only.