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City Recognizes Local Business for Commitment to Waste Reduction

At the upcoming Monday night meeting of the Mayor and Common Council, Mayor Morris and Public Works Director Nadeem Majaj will be honoring the waste reduction achievements of three organizations located in the City of San Bernardino who were recognized by the State of California through the Waste Reduction Awards Program (WRAP). The meeting will take place at 3 p.m. on April 18 in the Council Chambers located at City Hall.

Community Hospital of San Bernardino located at 1805 Medical Center Drive

Since 1910, Community Hospital of San Bernardino has provided health care and educational services to the Inland Empire community. The hospital prevented and diverted 231.19 tons of waste from entering the landfill in 2009. In addition, the hospital saved \$141,843 in 2009 by purchasing products that are reprocessed, reused, or made with recycled materials. Community Hospital has an Environmental Action Committee which meets quarterly to discuss progress on its “go green” initiatives, including recycling, reduction of water usage, and encouragement of eco-friendly methods in the specific practices of each department.

St. Bernardine Medical Center locate at 2101 North Waterman Avenue

Founded in 1931 by the Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word, St. Bernardine Medical Center is a highly-regarded 463-bed non-profit hospital offering a full continuum of services, from obstetrics to open heart surgery and joint replacements. St. Bernardine is ranked by HealthGrades® as the best hospital in California for overall orthopedic care in 2008, and was recently listed in Modern Healthcare as one of the top 100 facilities in the country for performance improvement by Thomson Reuters. St. Bernardine recycled 296 tons of waste in 2009, compared to 219 tons the prior year.

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Stater Bros. Markets located at 301 S. Tippecanoe Avenue

Stater Bros. is a Southern California supermarket chain with 167 stores and one distribution center. In April 2009 Stater Bros. embarked on a food waste recycling and composting program which removed 27,616,000 pounds of organic material from the waste stream in eight months. Combined with other Stater Bros. recycling programs, this helped to divert 141,849,966 pounds of waste from landfills in 2009. The waste disposal savings and increased recycling revenues came to \$3,373,833.11. There are 6 Stater Bros Markets in the City. Their combined efforts represent a significant contribution to the environment.

WRAP provides an opportunity for California businesses and nonprofit organizations to gain public recognition for their outstanding waste reduction efforts and lets the community know the business takes waste reduction seriously.

“I’m thrilled to be able to recognize the three community partners for their commitment to waste reduction,” said Mayor Patrick Morris. “If every business in our community does their part, clearly it makes a huge impact on our sustainability efforts.”

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