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AGENDA COVER MEMO

DATE: November ⁹15th, 2005

TO: Lane County Board of Commissioners

DEPT: Public Works

PRESENTED BY: Pete Chism, Waste Reduction Specialist,
Waste Management Division

AGENDA ITEM TITLE: IN THE MATTER OF AWARDING ANNUAL
TRASHBUSTER AWARDS.

I. MOTION

Move approval of board order awarding annual Trashbuster awards.

II. ISSUE OR PROBLEM

Lane County has established through its Board of County Commissioners and its Resource Recovery Advisory Committee (RRAC) a process for recognizing individuals, organizations, and businesses in the community who make outstanding efforts in the area of waste reduction.

III. DISCUSSION

A. Background

The Board approved a Recycling Recognition Award program proposed by RRAC in 1992. RRAC subsequently renamed the award program "Trashbuster" to denote a wider spectrum of activity beyond just recycling. Typically, the Trashbuster awards are given around November 15th, which has been declared by the Federal and State governments as America Recycles Day. This year the presentation of the Trashbuster falls on America Recycles Day.

B. Analysis

The following individuals were nominated by various member of the community and selected by member of the Resource Recovery Advisory Committee. Their accomplishments are great in the realm of sustainability and the following information provides some highlights.

Local Government Trashbuster, Cindy Wise and the OSU Lane County Extension Service Compost Specialist Program

Address: 950 W 13th Ave.
Eugene, OR 97402
Recipient of award: Cindy Wise
Commissioner: Commissioner Sorenson

Accomplishments:

- Oversees the "Coffee Grounds to Compost" program. This program has diverted over 89,000 pounds of coffee grounds from 15 Lane County locations that sell coffee.
- Compost Specialist program annually educates over 15,000 Lane County citizens about composting, vermicomposting and compost tea. Education includes 10 education booths at events, school classroom presentations, and 10 compost demonstration projects and 5 worm bin classes per year.
- Created a partnership with Food for Lane County to compost unwanted food and provide a space for compost education.
- Educate the public about the nutrient benefits of compost tea and gave away 2500 bottles of compost tea at the Home Show, Art and the Vineyard, and the Lane County Fair.

Non Profit Trashbuster, Computer Reuse and Recycling Center

Address: 222 Polk Street
Eugene, OR 97402
Recipient of award: Lorraine Kerwood
Commissioner: Commissioner Green

Accomplishments:

- Recycles and reuses: paper, cardboard, block foam, soft foam, printers, scanners, telephones, cell phones, batteries, electronic hardware, and wood.
- Refurbished and given away 800 computer systems since March 2004 and sold 725 computers through their thrift store, placing over 1500 computers back into our community.
- Facility is furnished with reused materials.
- Utilize effective communication systems to find materials through websites such as EugeneFreeCycle, PortlandFreeCycle, LEM Swap List and Craig's list.
- Established networking systems with National Cristina Foundation, Abandoned Computer Program, Share the Technology Project, MacTreasures, TechSoup, Lane County, and Free Geek to capture more electronic equipment.
- Reuse soft foam as packaging and what is left over is sent as a commodity to furniture manufacturers.
- Reuse envelopes, paper, and office supplies.
- Use durable/reusable flatware and ceramic dishes.
- Compost food waste generated in the facility in worm bin.
- Since opening in 2004, Computer Reuse and Recycling Center has recycled: 12 tons of processor boards, 48 tons of copper and aluminum, 48 tons of monitors, 7 tons of lead,

83 tons of steel, 1 ton of cardboard, 7 tons of plastic, and 5 tons of paper, for a total of 211 tons of material.

- Educate the public about their program and other recycling programs at community events and through brochures handed out at their facility.
- Purchase 100% post consumer content paper when necessary.

Individual Trashbuster, Elvira Muniz

Address: 2133 W 16th Ct.
Eugene, OR 97402
Recipient of award: Elvira Muniz
Commissioner: Commissioner Faye

Accomplishments:

- Reuses bread bags, glass jars.
- Influenced co-workers at the McKenzie School District to have more awareness of waste.
- Educated local students about local recycling opportunities through field trips and presentations.
- Uses alternative transportation such as biking, walking and bussing.
- Participates in river clean-ups.
- Recycles more than 75% of her household discards.
- Manages a worm composting unit at work and home.
- Once reused pieces of broken coffee mugs as tile.
- Removed wires and other materials from the school garbage to be used for art projects.

Business Trashbuster, Solarc Architecture and Engineering

Address: 223 W 12th Ave.
Eugene, OR 97401
Recipient of award: Jan Fillinger
Commissioner: Commissioner Sorenson

Accomplishments:

- Green building design: Solarc utilizes a photovoltaic power system that is connected directly to the buildings electrical system. This system also provides shade in the summer to the roof and south facing windows reducing AC requirements.
- Composts food scraps, paper and other organic items in a worm bin.
- Reuses retail bags.
- Uses permanent dishes and silverware in the lunchroom.
- Uses rechargeable batteries for office equipment, cameras, and other tools.
- Uses only fluorescent light bulbs.
- Provides financial rewards for employees that use alternative transportation, such as biking, walking, bussing and carpooling to work.
- Company car runs on Bio Diesel.
- Reuses single sided paper and files.
- Recycles glass, paper, cardboard, batteries, fluorescent lights, and printing cartridges.

- Purchases toilet paper, paper towels, copy paper, and post-it notes with recycled content.
- Educate the community about sustainable design.

Product Manufacturer Trashbuster, SierraPine Ltd., Springfield Division

Address: 800 48th St.
Springfield, OR 97478
Recipient of award: Amy Peccia
Commissioner: Commissioner Dwyer

Accomplishments:

- Reuses baghouse filters, chemical drums, and furniture.
- Rebuilds and refurbishes equipment on-site.
- Utilized the light program offered by EWEB.
- Thousands of tons of wood waste are diverted from the landfill through the manufacturing process at SierraPine.
- Waste wood used on farmlands and as packing material for nurseries.
- Recycles scrap metal, wood, oil, electronic waste, batteries, fluorescent lights, and co-mingled material.
- Purchases paper, folders, calendars, and various steel used for on-site construction with recycled content.

C. Alternatives/Options

The Board may award or choose not to award Trashbuster awards to the proposed recipients.

D. Recommendations

I recommend approval of the Trashbuster Award as proposed by the Resource Recovery Advisory Committee. The potential recipients meet all award criteria established by the Committee.

E. Timing

A time certain agenda placement is requested at 10:00 am so the Board can present a plaque to those selected for recognition.

IV. IMPLEMENTATION/FOLLOW-UP

None

V. ATTACHMENTS

Board Order