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City of Soledad Spring, 2022 Reuse, Recycle & Cleanup Day Report

Submitted to: Mayor & City Council of the City of Soledad through the Office of the City Manager

The City of Soledad held its spring Reuse, Recycle & Cleanup Day event on Saturday, May 14, 2022. This special event focuses on facilitating the diversion of recyclable materials, addressing the ongoing issue of illegal dumping in Soledad, and promoting the reuse of still usable items. The event took place in the Gabilan Drive parking lot in front of Soledad High School.



The cleanup event started with a long line of trucks waiting for the 8:00 a.m. opening. Throughout the event, there was no downtime for the volunteers. This year, participants were asked to bring their mailer, which contained a voucher for one free load. Almost everyone brought their voucher.

We set up a free exchange area for items that volunteers found could still be useful to others. A conservative estimate for the diversion from the reuse area is five cubic yards. We collected approximately ten cubic yards of clothing and household items for donation to the Goodwill in Soledad. Blankets, towels, and linens were separated and donated to South County Animal Rescue.

The students and adult advisors from the Soledad High School NJROTC again supported the event to raise money for their program. They arrived on time and fully staffed the event as requested. Youth volunteers were helpful, informative, and courteous in assisting all residents in determining the best place for their items while source-separating and unloading their vehicles. They provided 126.5 hours of service to the community. Tri-Cities Disposal & Recycling will donate \$500 to the program for their service to their community.

Salinas Valley Recycles provided support staff, transportation for clothing donations, and collection of special household wastes. The free sharps container exchange was available. Monterey County Environmental Health staff supplied oil exchange program containers and (up to) two free oil filter vouchers per person for exchange at a Soledad auto parts store.

We had financial and staff support from CalTrans District 5 and the Clean California Program for this event. This



program, aimed at reducing litter and preventing illegal dumping, will pay for the trash disposal fees and the cost of professional staff time for Tri-Cities and Salinas Valley Recycles (up to \$2,000). Their team conducted anti-litter outreach to residents as they waited in line.

This event continues to offer youth volunteers an opportunity to shine in their community. It offers residents a positive interaction with the City of Soledad, its youth, the County of Monterey, Salinas Valley Recycles, Save the Whales, and Tri-Cities Disposal & Recycling. Thanks to all who participated and everyone for working so hard!

Event Diversion:

Total Tonnage: 23.5 tons Diversion: 11.63 tons Scaled Trash: 11.87 tons
Diversion Rate: 50%

Items	Spring 2022 Tons	CUYD	2021 Tons	Avg Tons Per Event Day 2015-2019
Appliances & Refrigerators	2.26 (26 pieces)	80	4.80 (44 pieces)	3.59
Mattresses	0.99 (38 pieces)	40	1.16 tons (42 pieces)	n/a
Metal	6.73	120	6.11	4.24
Mixed Plastic & Cardboard	0.52	40	0.99	1.28
E-Waste	0.92	20	1.51	2.71
Reuse/Donated Clothing/Household**	1.69	15	0.83	1
ABOP* Materials	1.19 (2,369 lbs)	VAN	0.57 (1,147 lbs)	1.06 (1,835 lbs)
Trash	11.87	200	9.63	9.29
Oil filter vouchers	40 vouchers	N/A	33 vouchers	14 vouchers

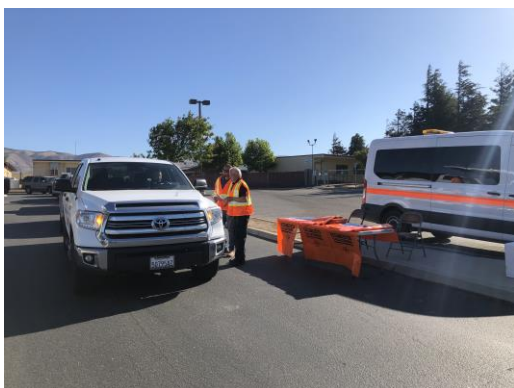
*ABOP=Antifreeze, Batteries, Oil & Paint (does not include sharps container swap)

**Clothing and "Take it or Leave it" items are estimated by volume using established weight tables from DHEC & Cal Recycle.

Respectfully submitted,



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**Reuse Area Find!
Antique Toy Trucks**