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City of Soledad Fall, 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 fall Reuse, Recycle & Cleanup Day event on Saturday, September 24, 2022. This special event focuses on facilitating the diversion of recyclable materials, addressing the ongoing issue of illegal dumping in Soledad, and promoting reusing 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, the line continued to encircle the parking lot. Our partners with the CalTrans Clean California program counted **280 vehicles serviced. This is the largest number of participants we have had at this event!**

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.

The students from Soledad High School NJROTC 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 121 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. Save the Whales conducted 95 surveys that support the city's stormwater outreach and education requirements. They finished their day in Soledad with a quick litter cleanup at Blas Santana Park.

CalTrans District 5 staff joined us to conduct anti-littering and



illegal dumping outreach for the Clean California campaign. They will again provide financial support for the landfilling fees and some professional staff time from Tri-Cities and Salinas Valley Recycles.

This event continues to offer youth volunteers an opportunity to shine in their community. Residents interact positively with the City of Soledad and 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: 24.89 tons Diversion: 13.16 tons Trash: 11.73 tons

Diversion Rate: 53%

Items	Fall 2022 Tons	CUYD	Spring 2022 Tons	2021 Tons	Avg Tons Per Event Day 2015-2019
Appliances & Refrigerators	2.62 (28 pieces)	60	2.26 (26 pieces)	4.80 (44 pieces)	3.59
Mattresses	1.18 (43 pieces)	40	0.99 (38 pieces)	1.16 tons (42 pieces)	n/a
Metal	7.73	110	6.73	6.11	4.24
Mixed Plastic	1.08	40	0.52	0.99	1.28
E-Waste	1.63	20	0.92	1.51	2.71
Reuse/Donated Clothing/Household**	1.69	15	1.69	0.83	1
ABOP* Materials	1.03 (2,068 lbs.)	VAN	1.19 (2,369 lbs)	0.57 (1,147 lbs)	1.15 (2,309 lbs)
Trash	11.73	200	11.87	9.63	9.29
Oil filter vouchers	22 vouchers	N/A	40 vouchers	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 & CalRecycle.

Respectfully submitted,



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**Reuse Area Finds!
Children's Play Equipment**

