



## **Humboldt Waste Management Authority**

### Humboldt County's Solid Waste JPA

Cost saving ideas that are in place and working for our HHW Programs

- Staffing for fixed facility and mobile collection events:
  - Utilize local temporary work force from staffing agency
  - Require 40 hr HAZWOPER, we provide annual 8 hour updates
  - Maintain active list of six to eight available temp staffers
  - Manage temporary mobile events of up to about 250 vehicles

This single change has reduced event operating cost in excess of 60% when compared to HWMA's reliance on HHW contractor staffing of mobile and fixed facility collection events.

- Combining milk runs to local participating retailers:
  - Eleven sites collect fluorescent bulbs for us
  - Fifteen sites collect household batteries for us
  - Six sites accept residential medical sharps for us
  - One vendor accepts our old compressed gas and propane cylinders
  - One vendor accepts our old fire extinguishers at no cost

Weekly pick-up runs are scheduled by geographic area to consolidate universal waste streams and act as satellite collector; materials are returned to the permanent facility.

- Maintaining in-house transportation capabilities:
  - Purchased 10,000 lb capacity commercial stake truck
  - Four staff maintain CA DMV Class C Commercial Haz Mat licenses
  - HWMA enrolled in CHP Biennial Inspection of Terminals Program
  - CA DTSC Haz Mat Transporter Registration and CA EPA ID maintained
  - Load check and mobile event materials transported to facility

Opportunity to consolidate the wastes by DOT shipping class at our permanent facility has resulted in significant reduction in contractor transportation costs.

HWMA continues to actively solicit and participate in CalRecycle grant opportunities, be a voice in the CAW/CPSC producer responsibility legislative process, and educate towards re-use and diversion opportunities.

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