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ReSource Center Facilities Update

(SANTA BARBARA, Calif.) – The ReSource Center at the Tajiguas Landfill is an innovative facility that includes a Materials Recovery Facility (MRF), an Anaerobic Digester Facility (ADF), and a Compost Management Unit (CMU). The ReSource Center recovers recyclable materials, transforms organics into landscape nutrients, and creates renewable energy. This project is crucial to Santa Barbara County’s Energy and Climate Action Plan as the single largest reducer of greenhouse gases. The County and its participating cities also depend on the ReSource Center to comply with the increasing waste diversion requirements of new State laws such as SB 1383.

In 2016, the County contracted with MSB Investors, LLC (MSB) to construct and operate the facilities. On December 12, 2023, the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing to consider termination of this contract. Information regarding that item will be available before the hearing on the Board of Supervisors’ Agendas & Minutes web page at <https://santabarbara.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>.

The Santa Barbara County Public Works Department is dedicated to developing and implementing innovative environmental solutions, to manage the community’s waste.

Interim Public Works Deputy Director Martin Wilder said, “Our mission is to effectively provide, operate, and maintain facilities to make life as safe and convenient for the public we serve. Although we’ve achieved some success with the ReSource Center the community and our staff deserve a project that is a 100% success.”

For more information on the ReSource Center, visit www.lessismore.org/resourcecenter

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