



**CITY OF SANTA BARBARA**  
**PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION REPORT**

**AGENDA DATE:** July 25, 2007

**TO:** Park and Recreation Commission

**FROM:** Recreation Division, Parks and Recreation Department

**SUBJECT:** Zero-waste Efforts at the Carrillo Recreation Center

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the Commission hear a presentation on the implementation of zero-waste programs at the Carrillo Recreation Center.

**DISCUSSION:**

The Carrillo Recreation Center is positioned to become a leader in the City of Santa Barbara's sustainability efforts by diverting waste from landfills into four environmentally sensitive disposal methods. To further support the City's sustainability plans, all paper, plastic, and styrofoam food service products have been replaced with commercially compostable equivalents.

- A worm bin has been installed in the Carrillo Recreation Center's rear courtyard that is used to dispose of coffee grounds and most leftover food scraps. A small collection bin is located in the kitchen for staff, volunteers, and customers use.
- Batteries, CDs, ink cartridges, video tapes, and other small electronic devices are collected in a small eWaste container for proper disposal.
- Traditional recyclable materials are collected in marked collection containers throughout the facility and diverted to a recycling dumpster located on the premises.
- Commercially compostable paper, corn, and potato-based products are collected in a special compostable bin that is serviced weekly.

Unlike most other City facilities where arrangements are made for specific events, the Carrillo Recreation Center's zero-waste program is available in entirety at all times. All programs that include serving food (potluck, ballroom dance, meetings), currently use compostible products. Though these particular program participants and all staff are aware of the proper disposal methods, the next step in our zero-waste efforts will be to enhance the information available to the public through additional signage and a brochure to participants.

**SUBMITTED BY:** Jason Bryan, Recreation Supervisor

**APPROVED BY:** Nancy L. Rapp, Parks & Recreation Director

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