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Santa Barbara County Wins Award for Excellence in Solid Waste Management

The Solid Waste Association of North America (SWANA) announced on Monday that the County of Santa Barbara's Department of Public Works Resource Recovery & Waste Management Division (RRWMD) has been named the winner of the SWANA **Silver** Excellence Award in the Integrated Solid Waste Management System category. The award will be presented at SWANA's annual conference, **WASTECON**[®], on Tuesday, September 26, in Baltimore, Maryland.

"RRWMD operates as a lean, service-oriented business within an enterprise fund, where all activities are routinely evaluated for productivity and cost-effectiveness," said Mark Schleich, Deputy Director of Public Works and in charge of the division. "The organization's success is due to the ongoing investment in infrastructure and dedication to mitigating the environmental impact of our waste. It is not enough for us to just manage our community's waste, but to exemplify leadership and reflect our community's values when doing so."

The entry can be found on SWANA's website
<https://swana.org/Awards/Excellence.aspx>

SWANA's Excellence Awards Program recognizes outstanding solid waste programs and facilities that advance the practice of economically and environmentally sound solid waste management through their commitment to utilizing effective technologies and processes in system design and operations, advancing worker and community health and safety, and implementing successful public education and outreach programs. Programs also must demonstrate that they are fiscally and environmentally responsible through their compliance with all applicable federal, state and local regulations.

About the Resource Recovery & Waste Management Division

The RRWMD of the Santa Barbara County Public Works Department provides a variety of solid waste and recycling services for residents and businesses throughout Santa Barbara County. RRWMD's responsibilities include operation of County owned facilities, which include a landfill, two recycling centers, and two transfer stations. The County is

also responsible for managing a hazardous waste collection facility, regional planning, contracted trash and recycling services, and public education.

About SWANA:

For more than 50 years, the Solid Waste Association of North America has been the leading professional association in the solid waste field. The association serves more than 9,000 members throughout North America, and thousands more with conferences, certifications, publications and technical training courses.

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