

**MEMORANDUM
DEPARTMENT OF FACILITY SERVICES
COUNTY OF PLACER**

To: **BOARD OF SUPERVISORS** Date: **SEPTEMBER 12, 2006**

From: **JAMES DURFEE / WILL DICKINSON** *(signature)*

Subject: **ONE-DAY HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION EVENTS
IN COLFAX AND FORESTHILL**

RECOMMENDED ACTION: None. This item is presented for information only.

BACKGROUND: On April 18, 2006, your Board approved an Agreement with 21st Century Environmental Management Inc. of Nevada (PSC) to conduct one-day Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) collection events in Colfax and Foresthill. Your Board also approved a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Placer County and the City of Colfax to cooperatively stage the Colfax event. Under the terms of the MOU, Colfax contributed funds to the advertising budget and provided staff to coordinate and conduct the event.

The County funded and administered the contract with PSC, and provided matching funds for advertising. The County was solely responsible for coordinating and funding the Foresthill event. Forty thousand dollars (\$40,000) from the Solid Waste Management budget was allocated for each event.

The HHW collection events were held on June 10, 2006, at the former Georgia-Pacific Mill Site, in Foresthill; and on June 11, 2006, at the Colfax High School. The Foresthill event served 308 residents and collected 41,213 pounds of HHW. The Colfax event served 215 residents and collected 31,653 pounds of HHW. Items collected included pesticides, flammable liquids, motor oil, paint and computer monitors. Through these events the County provided a convenient public service while keeping harmful materials out of the landfill.

County staff and PSC received a great deal of positive feedback from residents who utilized the service, and some residents made multiple trips in order to remain below the Health and Safety Code acceptance limits of 15 gallons or 125 pounds. The total cost for both events was \$60,081.