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LOCKABLE CONTAINERS TO DETER SCAVENGING SOLD OUT IN TWO DAYS

(Costa Mesa, CA) – In an effort to deter scavenging of recyclable materials, the Costa Mesa Sanitary District Board of Directors approved a new program where residents can request a lockable container at no additional cost. The containers, provided by CR&R Waste Services, became available on July 18 after the program was publicized in the District's newsletter. The District had 120 lockable containers to give out on a first come basis. Within two days the District received 128 requests for lockable containers. On July 28, the Board will consider approving the appropriation of \$10,000 for an additional 120 containers.

Residents can request one lockable container that will replace one of their two existing containers. "The reason why residents can only receive one container is because we wanted to expand the distribution ratio and allow more residents to obtain such a container", said AJ Cully, the District's management analyst who administers the program. "We are suggesting to residents that they put their recyclable materials in the lockable container and use their other container for trash, green waste and other organics," said Cully. Residents have requested the lockable containers for other means as well such as deterring identity theft. Residents who wish to have a lockable container delivered to his/her home may do so by submitting an on-line application on the District's website at www.cmsdca.gov. The order will be transferred to CR&R where they will deliver the container on the resident's regular scheduled trash collection day. For more information, residents can call the District office at (949) 645-8400.

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