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OVER 36,000 POUNDS OF HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTED FROM THE COMMUNITY

(Costa Mesa, CA) –The Costa Mesa Sanitary District (CMSD), Orange Coast College (OCC), and OC Waste & Recycling hosted the community's first Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection event at OCC on November 17, 2012. The event collected HHW from over 380 vehicles from Costa Mesa, Newport Beach and Irvine which resulted in the successful collection of over 36,000 pounds of unwanted household hazardous materials. Materials such as motor oil, latex paint, antifreeze and batteries were collected to be recycled and reused. Remaining unrecyclable materials were collected for proper disposal and prevention from entering the landfills. OC Waste & Recycling indicated that the community's participation exceeded their expectations and considered the event to be a great success. Collectively CMSD, OC Waste & Recycling, and OCC were pleased with the outcome.

Products such as bleach, paints, stains, cleaners, motor oil, batteries, and pesticides contain potentially hazardous ingredients that require proper disposal and should be disposed of at a certified HHW collection center. Improper disposal of these materials can pollute the environment and pose a threat to human health.

The nearest collection center for CMSD residents is located in Huntington Beach at 17121 Nichols Street – Gate 6, near Warner Avenue and between Beach Boulevard and Gothard Street. The facility is open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday (closed on major holidays and during rainy weather). The center also accepts e-waste (such as computer monitors, printers and televisions) and fluorescent light bulbs. For more information, call (714) 834-6752 or visit www.oclandfills.com.

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Protecting our community's health and the environment by providing solid waste and sewer collection services.