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Big Blue Barn Makes Headlines Again

(Woodland, CA) – On August 22, the Yolo County Community Services Department’s Integrated Waste Management Division will be recognized by the California Resource Recycling Association as the recipient of the highly coveted Pavitra Crimmel Reuse Award for implementation of the most successful reuse program in the state of California this year – the opening the Big Blue Recycling Barn Thrift Store at the landfill.

Each year, the California Resource Recycling Association presents awards to individuals and organizations who “go above and beyond” in their efforts to prevent waste, reuse materials, recycle, compost, buy recycled and build “green”. Pavitra Crimmel was instrumental in championing the promotion and implementation of successful reuse programs. In her honor, this award recognizes special achievement by a private business, government agency, community-based organization or school in the reuse of materials.

The Integrated Waste Management Division celebrated the one-year anniversary of the Big Blue Barn in June. In the first year of the program, 34.31 tons of material was diverted from the landfill with \$37,227 in gross sales. After labor and operational costs are covered, funds go directly to recycling education and outreach programs in the county. If this same waste had been disposed of, the division would have only generated \$1,737 in tip fees and valuable landfill space would have been wasted.

“We believe that the efforts being made through this program are planting long lasting seeds of change here in Yolo County, demonstrating our landfill’s commitment to the environment,” said Yolo County Community Services Department Director Taro Echiburú. “We are extremely honored to be recognized by the California Resource Recycling Association and to carry on the legacy of Pavitra Crimmel.”

The Big Blue Barn is open to the public during 3-day sale events held bi-monthly. The Big Blue Barn will next be open September 8-10 and November 17-19, each day from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

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