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Northern Recycling Composting Facility at the Yolo County Central Landfill Grand Opening September 28

(Woodland, CA) – All are welcome to the Grand Opening of Northern Recycling's Covered Aerated Static Pile Composting and Construction, Demolition, and Inert sorting facility on Wednesday, September 28, from 9 to 10 am, located at 44090 County Rd 28H in Woodland. Participants will learn more about the composting, construction, demolition, and inert recycling process while viewing the processing area and equipment.

The Yolo County Central Landfill (YCCL) currently provides diversion of organic materials, including food waste and green waste, from residential and commercial sources for Yolo County and the surrounding area at approximately 52,000 tons per year.

"This latest innovation from the Yolo County landfill more than doubles our ability to expand the many beneficial aspects of composting. It will also extend the life of our landfill, benefit local consumers, and reduce some of the troublesome aspects of composting, including air quality. We view this project as a major step forward in our continuing attempts to meet the challenges of the future," said Supervisor Gary Sandy.

The opening of this new facility, run by Northern Recycling, will increase capacity to 182,000 tons of green and food waste diverted from local landfills annually. In addition, it will incorporate an emissions-reducing composting process called Covered Aerobic Static Pile (CASP). The CASP creates optimal composting conditions via positive aeration, automatic irrigation, advanced temperature control, and a biofilter layer. Environmental benefits include:

- Eliminating the need to turn the compost
- Reducing the release of air emissions and odors
- Decreased ammonia emissions, capture, and reuse of water

Completed compost will be marketed to residential and commercial clients. In addition, Northern Recycling's facility at the Landfill will decrease the carbon footprint of construction, demolition, and inert (C&D) material recycling by eliminating the need to truck C&D to Sacramento for sorting.

"Yolo County is proud and committed to providing the best possible technology for diversion of waste from landfill and its conversion of waste to resource," said Integrated Waste Management Director Ramin Yazdani. "We will also provide the best possible customer service at a reasonable price for Yolo County residents and the Sacramento region."

Those who choose to visit the process site should wear closed-toe shoes. Reserve your spot at the grand opening by visiting https://yololandfill.eventbrite.com. The YCCL is offering free compost to Yolo County residents only – not businesses or landscapers – in September and October.

About the Yolo County Central Landfill

The YCCL has made significant and innovative strides over the last 30 years to reduce the amount of waste going into the landfill, capture emissions, and provide a myriad of recycling and reuse services for the surrounding community. The YCCL operates with an average annual budget of \$39 million that encompasses landfilling operations, green and food waste composting, landfill gas control and electricity production, environmental compliance, capital improvements, and administration. The YCCL is managed by the Division of Integrated Waste Management under the Yolo County Department of Community Services. For more information, visit the YCCL web pages.

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