



# **Interagency Cooperative Efforts**

## ***What and Why***

**2005 Annual Used Oil and Household  
Hazardous Waste Conference**

*Western Riverside Council of Governments*



## *WRCOG's Mission...*

*"To provide a voluntary forum to facilitate local governments to plan, coordinate, advocate, and when appropriate, implement cooperative programs of a regional nature within western Riverside County, in order to maintain and enhance the quality of life for residents..."*

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## *Our Solid Waste Programs...*

- *Solid Waste Cooperative Program;*
- *Cleanest County in the West” Program;*
- *Regional and City of Riverside Used Oil Block Grant Program;*
- *Regional Used Oil Opportunity Grant Program.*



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- 13 city members with populations of 7,000 to 275,000
- County member with population of 460,000+
- 4 different waste haulers

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## *Solid Waste Cooperative Program Overview...*

- *Prepare and submit 10 out of 15 AB939 reports;*
- *Prepare and submit 1066 time extension applications and updates;*
- *Coordinate bi-monthly meetings;*
- *Legislative tracking;*
- *Provide technical support.*

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Who we work with:

- 12 jurisdictions
- Department of Conservation
- Non Profit Organizations
- Environmental Health
- Waste Haulers
- County Landfills

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## *“Cleanest County in the West” Program Overview...*

- *Schedule and conduct elementary school assemblies;*
- *Provide beverage recycling containers to elementary schools;*
- *Coordinate community clean up events;*
- *Attend a variety of large venues to promote litter abatement and recycling.*

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Who we work with:

- 12 jurisdictions
- 100 Certified Centers
- 400+ Non Certified Centers
- Consultants
- State Agencies
- Property Associations
- Fire Departments

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## *Regional Used Oil Programs Overview...*

- *Conduct certified collection center visits;*
- *High school auto shop program;*
- *Communicate regularly with non certified centers;*
- *Distribute oil containers to residents at large venue events;*
- *Distribute oil containers to certified collection centers;*
- *Regional radio advertising.*

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What have  
we done  
and what  
are we  
doing?...

## *Accomplishments and Projects...*

- *Constructed an airport collection center;*
- *Updated an existing airport collection center;*
- *In process of constructing a marina collection center and installing bilge pad collection containers at inland lakes;*
- *Completed a Do It Yourselfers Survey.*

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What we  
continue to  
do...

## *Accomplishments and Projects Continued...*

- *Distribute over 3,000 oil containers per year through events;*
- *Distribute over 1,000 oil containers per year through certified centers;*
- *Hold one-day collection events at certified centers;*
- *Surveyed over 3,000 residents in 2003 to find out their oil habits.*

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## *Accomplishments and Projects Continued...*

- *Entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Department of Parks and Recreation for the marina collection center;*
- *Provide bi lingual radio advertising;*
- *Host a bi lingual 800 hot line for all our programs;*
- *Provide bi lingual regional brochures for all programs.*

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Communication,  
Communication,  
and more  
Communication!!

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## *Keeping the Balance...*

- *All jurisdictions (big and small) are treated equally;*
- *Keep a running calendar of activities;*
- *Communicate on a regular basis with members;*
- *Provide bi-monthly reports to members;*
- *Attend different meetings, workshops, and conferences to keep up to date on the programs.*

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*Maintaining and  
enhancing the  
quality of life for  
our residents by  
working together!*

**Thank you.**