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CITY OF VALLEJO E-WASTE RECYCLING EVENT A HUGE SUCCESS

VALLEJO – The procession of vehicles started early and continued throughout the day for Vallejo’s first Electronic Waste Recycling Event held Saturday, April 26, 2003 in the parking lot adjacent to Vallejo City Hall. The e-waste collection event was part of the City’s overall 2003 Earth Day Celebration activities.

A total of 827 vehicles attended the e-waste recycling event and approximately 60 tons of electronic waste was brought to the event. Organizers started the event 30 minutes earlier than scheduled because of the number of cars that arrived early.

“The Vallejo Garbage Service crew and I were all ready to go, and a line of vehicles had already started to form along Santa Clara Street,” said Derek Crutchfield, Recycling Coordinator for the City of Vallejo. “So we started at 8:30 a.m. instead of 9 a.m.”

Within the first hour approximately 200 vehicles had dropped off materials. Sarah Gallegos, Recycling Manger for Vallejo Garbage Service, said she was surprised by the large response, adding that she had never seen this many people turn out for an electronic recycling event.

“We thought the number of cars would taper off after the first hour or so,” Crutchfield said. “However, the vehicles just kept coming. There was about a 15-20 minute wait to get along Santa Clara Street and another 5-10 minute wait once the vehicles entered the City Hall parking lot. I appreciate everyone’s patience.”

Within 45 minutes Vallejo Garbage Service had filled up the recycling contractor's truck. As a result, VGS had to bring in 25-cubic-yard drop boxes for the rest of the materials. A total of 15 25-cubic-yard drop boxes were used. According to Crutchfield, the top three items dropped off at the event were televisions, computer monitors and parts, and microwave ovens. Several eight-track tape players were also dropped off.

Six volunteers from VALCORE Recycling assisted at the event, surveying residents after their vehicles were inside the City Hall parking lot. A total of 300 recycling information packets were distributed, along with another 500 recycling guides.

“This e-waste event was a big success, not only based on the amount of items we received but because it showed our residents’ commitment to recycling,” Crutchfield said.

