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TO:

General Manager

FROM:

Communications and Sustainability Director

SUBJECT:

Public Education and Recycling

65th Anniversary Open House

The District will host its 65th Anniversary Open House on Saturday, March 18th, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The event will be open to the public and will take place at the new GreenWaste Recovery (GWR) Community Franchise Collection Facility. At 11 a.m. there will be a presentation ceremony and ribbon cutting of the new Facility, and speakers will include Board Chair Bruce Delgado, General Manager Tim Flanagan, past District General Managers, and a representative from GWR.

District staff will provide walking tours of the composting operations, as well as bus tours of the entire site. Ecoactivities for families and kids will include worm observation, mixing planting soil, Earth Day flag drawing for display at the District, and the creation of a collaborative art bottle cap mural. Last Chance Mercantile will have a promotional sale of 65 cent books and clothing to commemorate the 65th Anniversary. Lunch will be provided by the Young Farmers and Ranchers, and the band Bag of Tricks will play music. Exhibitors will include CSUMB & the Artist in Residence program, E-Recycling, Falcon Air, GWR, Keith Day, Monterey County Environmental Health Department, Monterey Regional Water Pollution Control Agency, The Offset Project, Save the Wales, Stormwater & Education Alliance, and Waste Management.

Staff will present a slide show overview of the event at the Board meeting.

Earth Month Events

District staff will host or support the following Earth Month tours and events in April:

Tours:

- Week of April 3rd Robert Down Elementary 3rd Grade Classes
- April 12th York High School Environmental Science Students
- April 19th Big Sur's Captain Cooper Elementary School (Depending on the status of HWY 1)

Events:

- April 8th Marina Earth Day Event
- April 20th Monterey Peninsula College Earth Day Event
- April 22nd Earth Day Plant Sale at Last Chance Mercantile

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