**EARTH DAY EVERY DAY!**

**Wally Waste-Not-Awards**

Salinas Valley Recycles (SVR) presented twelve schools with the Wally Waste-Not-Award. Each school completed 26 required Recycling, Reusing, Reducing, and Rotting related activities. Some schools even went above and beyond the requirements and completed extra activities. The awards come with a $2,000 check for the school. Congratulations to the winners:

- Alisal High School, Salinas
- Cesar Chavez Elementary School, Salinas
- Elkhorn Elementary School, Salinas
- Gabilan Head Start Center, King City
- Jesse G Sanchez School, Salinas
- La Paz Head Start Center, Gonzales
- Palma School, Salinas
- Rancho Cielo – Silver Start Youth Program, Salinas
- Salinas Child Development Center, Salinas
- San Jerardo Center, Salinas
- San Lucas School, San Lucas
- Soledad Head Start Center, Soledad

**Grants**

SVR was awarded three micro grants from the Mattress Recycling Council to improve the collection and recycling of the mattresses that are received at all three of the facilities. The grants totaling $12,766 will be used to purchase two 40’ high cube cargo containers for Jolon Road Transfer Station and Johnson Canyon Landfill to help store mattresses received to keep the mattresses dry allowing them to be recycled. The Sun Street Transfer Station will receive a new staircase and loading carts to improve collection and loading efficiency.

**Organics**

Deadlines are quickly approaching for the requirements of Assembly Bill (AB)1826, Mandatory Commercial Organics requiring commercial entities to recycling and divert organic waste and Senate Bill (SB) 1383 requiring short-lived climate pollutants & methane emissions reduction to reduce organic waste 50% by 2020; and 75% by 2025; and by increasing edible food recovery 20% by 2025. SVR is working diligently to complete the Composting Facility to help meet these mandates. Site improvements include grading and leveling, installation of concrete pad for packaged materials, electrical upgrades, and installation of the De-packaging equipment. A presentation was given to the Board on the responsibility of each entity for SB 1383 implementation, detailing the obligations such as process of implementation of programs, education and outreach, monitoring, enforcement, reporting, and procurement that will have to be met to comply with the mandate.

**Welcome New General Counsel**

After careful consideration the Board of Directors hired Aleshire & Wynder LLP to represent the SVR. We are excited to be working with Mr. Roy C. Santos and the entire team.

**Financial Report for Month Ended February 2019 (66.7% of the Fiscal Year)**

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**Reduce Reuse Recycle**

“To manage Salinas Valley solid waste as a resource, promoting sustainable, environmentally sound and cost-effective practices through an integrated system of waste reduction, reuse, recycling, innovative technology, customer service, and education.”