



## County of San Diego's Construction & Demolition Debris Recycling Update

Spring 2008

### County Contractor Exceeds Recycling Expectations

In July of 2007, the County implemented its Construction and Demolition Recycling Ordinance. The first project to be completed under the ordinance is the demolition of the County's Operation Center Medical Examiner's building at 5555 Overland Avenue in Kearny Mesa.



Whillock Contracting, Inc is the private contractor responsible for the demolition of the Medical Examiner's building. The 73,000 square foot warehouse, loading docks, and surrounding parking areas were demolished during the months of October through December of 2007. Although the building is within City of San Diego's jurisdiction, since it is a County project, the County requested that Whillock follow the protocol of the County's Construction and Demolition Ordinance which requires recycling of 90% of inert material such as asphalt and concrete and 50% of all other material such as metal and wood.

Whillock far exceeded the County's expectations. Whillock source separated materials onsite and consequently recycled or reused 96% of the material from the project. Whillock recycled or reused 10,860 tons of asphalt, concrete, wood, pallets, and metal out of a total generation of 11,257 tons. Those recycled tons are the equivalent of approximately 2,172 large male African elephants or 2,172 5-ton commercial trucks. That is a lot of resource savings! Only 397 tons of the project's material were disposed of at Miramar Landfill.



The County considers this an exemplary project in the San Diego region and has taken action to nominate Whillock for both a State of California Waste Reduction Award as well as a local City of San Diego E.A.R.T.H Award. Whillock's recycling practices should be considered a model for recycling construction and demolition debris in the region.

For more information on the County's Construction and Demolition Recycling Ordinance, please visit:

<http://www.sdcounty.ca.gov/dpw/recycling/c&dhome.html>

For information on where construction and demolition materials can be recycled, please call 1-877-R-1-EARTH or visit [www.wastefreesd.org](http://www.wastefreesd.org)

*Photos by: Stephanie Ewalt & Wayne Williams*

### One Year and Counting...

It has been almost one year since the adoption of the County's C&D Ordinance on April 21st, 2007. On April 21st, 2008 the required recycling rate of 90% of inerts and 50% of other material will automatically increase.

The new recycling requirements as of April 21st, 2008 are as follows:

90% of inert materials and  
**70% of other materials**

### Enforcement

County staff has begun enforcement on those builders who are not submitting the required quarterly reports and on those who are not recycling.

Remember, it is required that the Recycling Staff receive quarterly and final recycling reports along with recycling facility and landfill receipts as proof.

We are here to help! If you are having trouble with the reports, please let us know.

### Brag about your recycling practices!

Do you want to get credit for the good job you are doing with recycling all that construction and demolition debris? Please brag to us! We want to hear the success stories and share those stories with the community. Please call or email Stephanie Ewalt with your successes today! (858) 874-4285 or email [stephanie.ewalt@sdcounty.ca.gov](mailto:stephanie.ewalt@sdcounty.ca.gov).

### Available Resources

Remember you have resources available to you!

[The County of San Diego's Recycling and Household Hazardous Waste Hotline](#)  
or call 1-800-R-1-Earth

[Construction and Demolition Recycling Guide](#)

For detailed information on the C&D ordinance and the processes, visit:  
<http://www.sdcounty.ca.gov/dpw/recycling/c&dhome.html>



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