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Butte County to Conduct Recycling Load Checks at the Neal Road Landfill

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In an ongoing effort to increase the Butte County's recycling levels, the Neal Road Landfill will be instituting a program where random commercial trash loads will be checked for significant quantities of recyclable materials coming in for disposal. "In much the same way we conduct load checks for hazardous materials, we will do for large loads of recyclable materials" said Steve Rodowick, Butte County Recycling Coordinator.

"Many times a day, loads come in from commercial operations with major amounts of perfectly recyclable materials" Rodowick stated. "We will identify which business these materials came from and contact them to help them achieve a higher level of recycling." "This will be only for educational purposes, we are not going to take a punitive approach" Rodowick added.

Rodowick went on to say that this is an effort to reach even a higher diversion level than the County is currently achieving. The Butte County Regional Waste Management Authority is currently achieving a diversion percentage in the fifty-plus percentile range, as are the other reporting jurisdictions of Chico and Oroville. Presently, the State goal is fifty percent diversion. However, there has been movement in Sacramento by the State Legislature to increase that goal.

"County staff is seeking to achieve a higher diversion level before we're mandated to be there", said Rodowick, "Besides, it's the right thing to do." Not only will it extend the life of the landfill, but in most cases, the businesses will save money in disposal fees."

The recyclable materials that are most often discarded include: cardboard, wood, metal and paper.

Rodowick also said that business in Butte County could contact him for a free waste assessment to help identify ways to recycle more.

For more information, call 879-2352.

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