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## **Benoit to Showcase New Clean-Fuel Vehicles at Badlands Landfill Wednesday**

MORENO VALLEY – The Riverside County Department of Waste Resources recently added three clean-fuel trucks to its fleet, and is offering media an opportunity to see them at the Badlands Sanitary Landfill on Wednesday, Sept. 9.

Supervisor John J. Benoit, a member of the South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD) governing board, invites media to join him at 1 p.m. Wednesday as he test drives a few of the heavy-duty vehicles. The landfill address is 31125 Ironwood Avenue, Moreno Valley.

“Adopting less-polluting vehicles into our county fleet is very positive for the environment and for air quality in Riverside County,” said Supervisor John J. Benoit. “It was great that the Department of Waste Resources utilized air quality improvement funding to offset some of the costs of this upgrade.”

With funding assistance from a clean transportation grant, the Department of Waste Resources purchased a 2015 Freightliner service truck equipped with a crane to repair heavy equipment and two 2015 Kenworth roll-off trucks to haul green waste, tires and trash. The vehicles run on a compressed natural gas (CNG) engine and fuel system and replace three heavier-polluting diesel trucks. The new vehicles are the first CNG vehicles in the department’s fleet.

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Compared to vehicles fueled by conventional diesel fuel, natural gas vehicles emit lower levels of harmful pollutants such as oxides of nitrogen (NO<sub>x</sub>). They are expected to displace more than 58,650 gallons of diesel fuel, resulting in a reduction of more than 64.7 pounds of NO<sub>x</sub> emissions, over the vehicles' projected lives.

The Mobile Source Air Pollution Reduction Review Committee (MSRC) contributed \$90,000 toward the approximate total cost of \$643,837. The MSRC is a regional body that administers programs to reduce air pollution from motor vehicles, engines and equipment. MSRC projects are funded by a portion of a \$4 motor vehicle registration fee.

The remaining costs were paid for with Department of Waste Resources' revenue.

For more information about Wednesday's media event, contact Hans Kernkamp, General Manager-Chief Engineer, Riverside County Department of Waste Resources at 951-486-3232.

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*Supervisor John J. Benoit represents the eastern two-thirds of Riverside County on the Riverside County Board of Supervisors. Stretching from Palm Springs and Desert Hot Springs, south to the Salton Sea and east to Blythe and the Colorado River, the 4<sup>th</sup> District is the largest geographical district in the county.*

*Supervisor Benoit's office hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.*