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PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP ESTABLISHES ELEVEN NEW BATTERY AND CELLPHONE RECYCLING LOCATIONS IN TEHAMA COUNTY

(Red Bluff, CA) – The Tehama County Solid Waste Management Agency (Tehama County Solid Waste) announced eleven new locations for residents to recycle household batteries and cellphones in Tehama County. The new program, established with funding from the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle), provides residents additional convenient recycling drop-off locations including in retail stores, public libraries, and more.

The new locations were established through an innovative public-private partnership between Tehama County Solid Waste, the Call2Recycle® consumer battery stewardship program, and local Tehama County businesses. Through the program, residents and Tehama County businesses are now able to recycle single-use alkaline batteries, rechargeable batteries, and cellphones at a single convenient location. For a full list of acceptable batteries, visit http://www.co.tehama.ca.us/toxics/batteries. Residents should note that batteries must be prepared for deposit by bagging each battery using bags provided at the host location or taping the battery terminals before placing into the box to prevent the risk of sparking.

The new retail recycling program supplements Tehama County Solid Waste's successful "Orange Bag" curbside battery recycling program. The curbside battery recycling program allows residents receiving service from GreenWaste of Tehama to recycle their single-use alkaline batteries by placing the batteries in a designated orange bag and depositing the bag inside their curbside recycling bin for pick up. More information about the Orange Bag program is available on Tehama County Solid Waste's website (www.tehamacountylandfill.com).

"I'd like to thank the business host locations and Call2Recycle for participating in this unique public-private partnership. The new program makes recycling all types of household batteries and cellphones more convenient for residents. We are especially excited to add two new drop-off locations in the City of Corning," said Rachel Ross, Interim Agency Manager of the Tehama County Solid Waste Management Agency. "Special thanks to Call2Recycle for their partnership on this special project which allows for the collection of single-use alkalines in addition to the rechargeable batteries and cellphones that are normally accepted through their retail program." Ross added.

Call2Recycle®, North America's first and largest consumer battery stewardship program, collects and recycles cellphones and rechargeable batteries - the types used to power laptop computers, cordless power tools, and more - at no cost to municipalities, businesses and consumers. Since 1996, over 100 million pounds of batteries and cellphones have been diverted from the waste stream through the Call2Recycle® program.

For more information on recycling household batteries, cellphones, and other products, visit the Tehama County Solid Waste Management Agency website at www.tehamacountylandfill.com or call 530-528-1103.

Tehama County Battery and Cell Phone Business Drop-Off Locations:

Collection Site	Address	Phone
Alsco Inc.	535 Antelope Boulevard, Red Bluff	(530) 527-4001
Corning Senior Center	1015 4th Avenue, Corning	(530) 824-4727
Gott Country Store	18371 Bowman Road, Cottonwood	(530) 347-9008
Lassen National Park - Kohm Yah-mah-nee Visitors Center	21820 Lassen Peak Highway, Mineral	(530) 595-4480
Latimer's Pharmacy	7885 Golden State Highway, Los Molinos	(530) 384-2330
McCoy's Ace Hardware	2060 South Avenue, Corning	(530) 824-2156
Nu Way Market	8049 Golden State Highway, Los Molinos	(530) 384-1563
Sears Hometown Store	570 South Main Street, Red Bluff	(530) 527-6640
Tehama County Library - Corning Branch	740 3rd Street, Red Bluff	(530) 824-7050
Tehama County Library - Red Bluff Branch	645 Madison Street, Red Bluff	(530) 527-0604
Z-Wireless Corning	908 Highway 99 W, Corning	(530) 824-3300

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Tehama County Solid Waste Management Agency works to protect public health and the environment in the County of Tehama through integrated, cost effective, and environmentally sound solid waste management. The Agency strives to conserve natural resources, sustain the environment, and reduce solid waste being landfilled through innovative leadership and effective grant and outreach programs that foster a sense of responsibility and inspire action by Tehama County residents. For more information, please go to: www.tehamacountylandfill.com

California Product Stewardship Council (CPSC) educates both the public and private sectors about Product Stewardship and closely partners with business, jurisdictions, waste and recycling companies, manufacturers and others to promote and encourage sustainable practices and to recognize those companies who are taking a leadership role in participating in waste reduction. For more information, please go to: www.calpsc.org.