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**RUN THROUGH DATE: FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2013**

**FROM: MCKINLEYVILLE COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT  
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**SUBJECT: HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION**

McKinleyville, CA – Since 2009 McKinleyville Community Services District (MCSD) and Humboldt Waste Management Authority (HWMA) have partnered to provide an invaluable service to our community. On July 20, 2013 HWMA in conjunction with McKinleyville CSD hosted a Household Hazardous Waste Collection event at Pierson Park.

Over the past 4 years this function reduced the disposal of hazardous waste into our wastewater system and routed it to the appropriate disposal location. Brent Whitener is the Programs Manager for HWMA and he attended MCSD's September 4, 2013 Board meeting to provide information about the event.

The event was well attended, yielding great results from 234 vehicles, 76% of which indicated they were MCSD customers. According to Brent, materials that were disposed included 750 gallons of oil base and latex paints, 600 aerosol cans, 125 gallons of used oil and antifreeze, 1,350 pounds of toxics, 15 pounds of pharmaceuticals and over-the-counter medications, 30 vehicle batteries, 1,500 pounds of household batteries, and 150 pounds of fluorescent lighting. In total, over 15,000 pounds of hazardous waste were collected and removed during the event.

This is the fifth year residents have been given the opportunity to dispose of hazardous materials that might otherwise adversely affect the surface waters in our area. In addition, the release of hazardous materials down the drains could have a negative impact on MCSD's Waste Water Management Facility by complicating the treatment process, potentially resulting in mandatory fines of \$3,000 per occurrence.

MCSD would like to remind our customers of the importance of disposing of household hazardous waste properly. These events happen on an annual basis in McKinleyville, but hazardous waste can also be disposed of properly at the Humboldt Waste Management Facility, located at 1059 West Hawthorn Street in Eureka.

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