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U.S. EPA ADMINISTRATOR JOINS LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES TO CELEBRATE INNOVATIVE RENEWABLE ENERGY PARTNERSHIP

On May 13, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Gina McCarthy will join Alameda County to recognize the largest collaborative in the U.S. among government agencies to site renewable energy at their facilities. Administrator McCarthy, the federal government's point person for the battle against climate change, will be joined by Bay Area officials and solar industry executives at the now-closed West Winton Landfill in Hayward, a centerpiece of the Regional Renewable Energy Procurement Project (R-REP) involving 186 Bay Area government facilities for a total of 31 megawatts of solar power.

Over the coming year, 24 acres of the capped West Winton Landfill waste disposal site will be repurposed by installing approximately 19,000 photovoltaic solar panels that will generate over 6 megawatts of renewable power. The Winton landfill solar project will be the first of its kind in the Bay Area and one of the largest in California.

R-REP is an innovative partnership of 19 public agencies in four Bay Area counties bringing renewable power at discounted prices – prices so low that it could save taxpayers over \$100 million in energy costs.

WHO: Administrator Gina McCarthy, U.S. EPA
Richard Valle, Supervisor, District 2, Alameda County Board of Supervisors
Susan S. Muranishi, County Administrator, Alameda County
Bill Harrison, Mayor, City of Fremont
Ahmad Chatila, President & CEO, SunEdison
Russell Hancock, President & CEO, Joint Venture Silicon Valley

WHAT: Celebration of the Regional Renewable Energy Procurement Project (R-REP) with featured speaker, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Gina McCarthy

WHEN: Wednesday May 13, 2015
Arrival Time: 10:00 AM
Event Start Time: 11 AM

WHERE: West Winton Landfill at 4001 Winton Boulevard, Hayward.

RSVP REQUIRED: * Press must bring credentials for access.**

Please RSVP at: <http://r-rep.splashthat.com/>

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