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Have Yourself a Merry Green Restaurant!!

The South Bay Environmental Services Center (SBESC), a program of the South Bay Cities Council of Governments, is working with West Basin Municipal Water District to offer **CA\$H FOR KITCHENS**, a program for businesses and public agencies with kitchens. *The program is targeting businesses with large kitchens.* When a business signs up for this program, they receive a free water usage survey of their kitchen and also can qualify for a free pre-rinse sprayer, free waterbroom, and free training materials for staff.

By participating in the CA\$H FOR KITCHENS program, a business or public agency can learn how their employees can help “green your kitchen”. To find out about additional rebates and schedule an appointment for a survey which shows how to save water, energy, and money for businesses, call the South Bay Environmental Services Center – 310-543-3022 or visit SBESC website www.sbesc.com.

Additionally SBESC, in conjunction with the City of Hermosa Beach, recently sponsored the South Bay’s **First Green Restaurant Workshop**, on December 9, 2008. Restaurant owners and managers from other South Bay cities attended as well.

The purpose of the workshop was for restaurant owners or managers to learn ways to improve the efficiency of their restaurant operations and ultimately, lower their costs. Efficient, low cost operations are keys to a successful, profitable business. Speakers included Carlos Haiad of Southern California Edison, Noreen Chambers of Southern California Gas Company, Elise Goldman of West Basin Municipal Water District, Bill Garrett of Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County, Rick Morgan, Director of Public Works, City of Hermosa Beach, Lisa Tholen of Greener By Design, and Dr. Eugene Tseng of UCLA.

Updates were presented on rebates for restaurants offered through Southern California Edison, The Gas Company, as well as West Basin Municipal Water District. Other presentations included, managing oil and grease, marine environment, eco friendly products for businesses, and restaurant food recycling.

The workshop was recorded on DVD and will be made available for a small cost from the Hermosa Beach City Clerk's office. This is one way to train restaurant staff to become more efficient. A copy will be available for viewing at South Bay Environmental Services Center as well

The SBESC is the South Bay's local clearinghouse for energy efficiency, water conservation and environmental information - training, materials and outreach. SBESC provides training and educational opportunities, library materials, online resources and essential tools to assist public agencies, businesses, and residents in better understanding the potential for energy and water efficiency within their homes and businesses. The Center hosts a wide variety of seminars, training sessions, and community events to assist consumers in making the best decision regarding energy and water use. Visitors to the Center can utilize the lending library of energy educational materials and tools. Various energy and water efficiency exhibits are also on display.

The Center is operated by the South Bay Cities Council of Governments (SBCCOG) which partners with The Gas CompanySM, Southern California Edison, West Basin Municipal Water District, the City of Torrance, and the Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County. The member cities of SBCCOG include Carson, El Segundo, Gardena, Hawthorne, Hermosa Beach, Inglewood, Lawndale, Lomita, Manhattan Beach, Palos Verdes Estates, Rancho Palos Verdes, Redondo Beach, Rolling Hills, Rolling Hills Estates, Torrance, parts of Harbor City and San Pedro.

Visit www.sbesc.com for the latest activities, schedules and opportunities to participate in a greener South Bay. The SBESC is located at 3868 Carson St., Suite 110, Torrance, CA 90503.

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