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Wednesday: City of Martinez to honor local VA Clinic with its 2018 Eco Award

Award recognizes organizations that go “above and beyond” in recycling and curbing greenhouse gases

MARTINEZ, Calif. — The City of Martinez, in cooperation with Republic Services and Cal Recycle, will award the [Martinez VA Outpatient Clinic](#) with its 2018 Eco Award at the Martinez City Council meeting at the City Hall’s Council Chambers, at 7 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 16. The award recognizes VA Northern California Health Care System’s (VA NorCal) work toward improving its recycling programs in an effort to curb greenhouse gas emissions.

“VA NorCal is a health care system that is rooted in its communities,” said Timothy Graham, associate director for VA NorCal’s East Bay Division. “This award is testimony to the fact that we’re not only committed to the well-being of our Veterans, but also the communities in which we all work and live.”

In 2018, VA NorCal emergency management personnel partnered with [Republic Services](#), the City of Martinez’s recycling and garbage service, to dramatically reduce its environmental footprint. VA NorCal invited Republic Services personnel to train VA kitchen employees to streamline its food waste processing.

In a year’s time, VA NorCal’s efforts resulted in the diversion of the equivalent of two school buses of solid food waste from local landfills. Rotting food at landfills produces large quantities of methane, a gas 23 times more potent than carbon dioxide and considered by most scientists as a direct contributor to climate change.

Credentialed media seeking further information about VA NorCal environmental programs or the 2018 Eco Award can contact Will Martin, VA NorCal Chief of Public Affairs, at 916-843-9247, William.Martin6@va.gov, or via Twitter at www.twitter/wmartin89.

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