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## **Sutter County Government Getting A Little More Green**

Since 2001, Sutter County has had a voluntary waste recycling program in many of its largest departments. In the last five years alone, Sutter County has recycled 564,000 pounds of material—that's the equivalent weight of 2,971.5 average American men.

Sutter County is now expanding the recycling program to include all offices. Another 115,000 pounds of paper, plastic and other recyclable materials is expected to be recycled by Sutter County offices in calendar year 2008.

These numbers do not take into account the large amounts of documents that are shredded and recycled through a commercial vendor each year.

Currently, all divisions of the Human Services Department, the Sheriff's Department/Jail, the Treasurer's Office, and the Road and General Services divisions of the Public Works Department participate in a recycling program. But Building Services Supervisor F.W. "Frosty" Southard wants to expand Sutter County's recycling program to all departments and locations in the county.

According to a staff report going to the Board of Supervisors on Tuesday, June 24, Yuba-Sutter Disposal Inc., which helped create the initial voluntary recycling program, will provide large recycling carts for the expanded effort.

The Regional Waste Management Authority, through a California Department of Conservation grant, will provide desk-side recycling containers and larger containers to be placed next to copiers and fund the collection and processing of the recyclable materials. Southard said facilities staff will prepare an informational flyer explaining what can—and what can't be—recycled.

According to YSDI, all of the homes and businesses in Sutter and Yuba counties combined are diverting 67 percent of their waste material from landfills through a wide variety of programs. This is well above the state-mandated rate of 50 percent, but the state is considering raising the standard to 75 percent in the future.

Sutter County government will be an important partner in meeting that community recycling goal.

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