

BEVERAGE CONTAINER RECYCLING PROGRAM NEWSLETTER



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New & Expanding Programs

In 2013, two new CRV recycling programs came on board with the County's Beverage Container Recycling Program. The first was Yermo Elementary in Yermo. They added eight collection bins to their school and the program benefits the student body. The bins were placed in the lunch areas, between classrooms, and in the teachers lounge.

The second program that joined the program was the Ponderosa Christian Camp or Camp Pondo in Running Springs. Fifteen bear proof bins were placed near cabins and activity areas throughout the outdoor camp in the mountains. This program also benefits the youth who attend camp at this location.

"We are having kids participate at a much higher level with the recycle cans. They're awesome! The camp looks cleaner, too!"

-Becky Skipper
Camp Pondo



Campers throw away trash in the new trash/recycling combo bins at Camp Pondo.

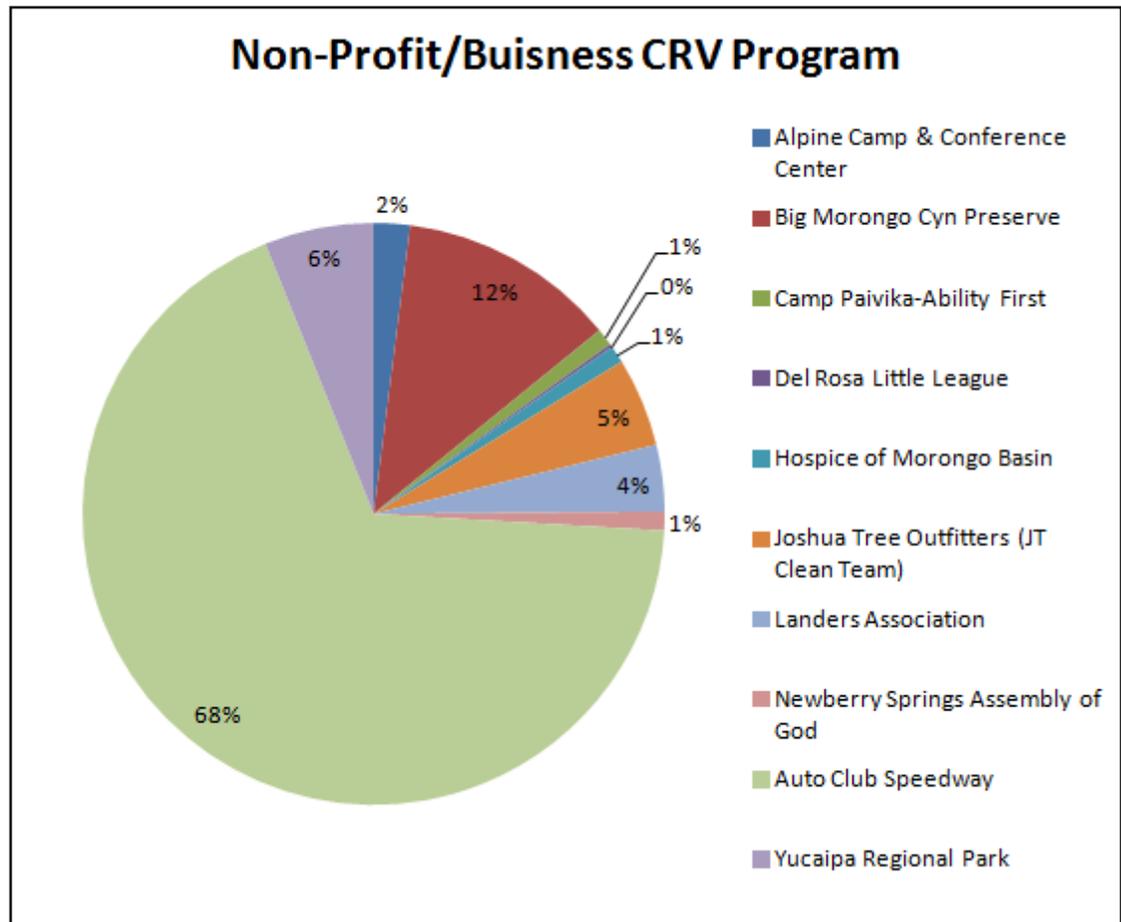
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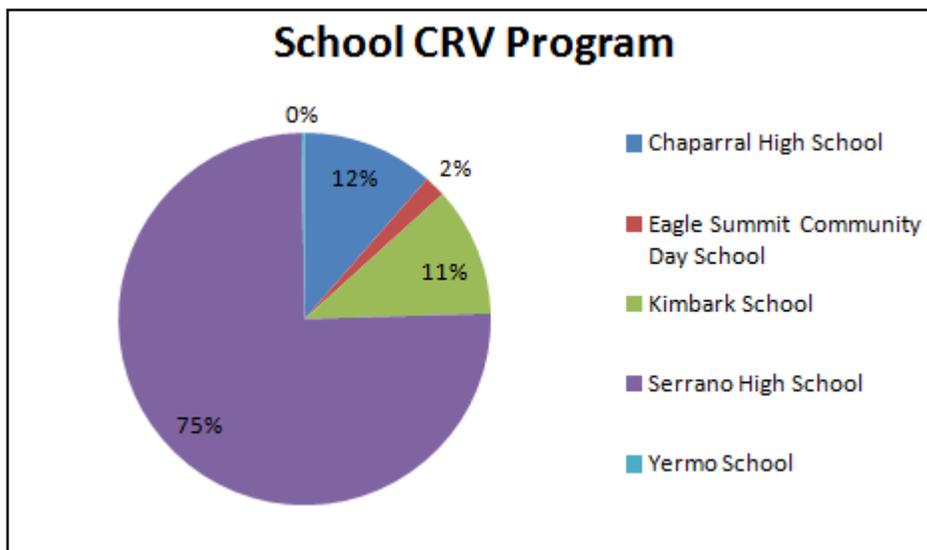


2013 CRV Program In Review

In 2012, a total of 17,192.79 pounds of CRV materials were recycled by eleven (11) non-profit/business groups and eight (8) school groups. In 2013, only five (5) school groups and nine (9) non-



profit/business groups participated in the program but made a bigger impact in recycling. For calendar year 2013, schools in the program recycled 4,976.04 pounds of CRV materials while Non-Profits/Businesses recycled 23,063.91 pounds. Combined that is 28,039.95 pounds which is an increase of 63% over 2012! We would like to thank all the participants of the



program. Not only are you helping the planet stay green but you are also assisting the County to meet our State mandated recycling goals!

Did you know...

What is PET? PET, or polyethylene terephthalate, is a thermoplastic polymer resin that is commonly used in beverage and food containers.

Most plastic bottles/jugs are 100% recyclable with plastics #1 & 2 being the most common types.

Around 802 thousand tons of PET plastic bottles were recycled nationwide in 2011, but more than two times as much PET was wasted: 1.9 million tons.

<http://www.container-recycling.org/index.php/factsstatistics/plastic>



Recycling Plastic Containers

How...

Plastic containers are brought to the recycling center where they are sorted by type and sometimes color.

They are crushed together and formed into a huge cube or bale. The bales of plastic are shipped to a plastics processing plant. Bales weigh an average of 1,200 pounds each

The plastic is broken apart and shredded into flakes or pellets and then cleaned. The flakes or pellets are shipped to manufacturers of plastic goods.

The manufacturer melts the plastic flakes or pellets down for molding into new products like:

T-Shirts

Shoelaces

Carpets

Outdoor Furniture

Do you or do you know of anyone who can benefit from a beverage container recycling program?



Contact us for more information.

"Our job is to create a county in which those who reside and invest can prosper and achieve well-being."
-part of the County Vision

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In Memoriam...

Bobby Vega of the Urban Conservation Corps of the Inland Empire was a champion of recycling programs as well as the San Bernardino National Forest. Bobby worked with youth in the community of San Bernardino to implement recycling programs. His valuable knowledge, charismatic personality and dedication will be missed. Thank you Bobby for all you have done for the County's Beverage Container Recycling Program.