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## Hayward Area Recreation and Park District **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **Hayward Area Senior Center Receives Alameda County Green Business Certification**



*District contributing to Bay Area sustainability efforts*

**Hayward, CA** (October 26, 2015) – The Hayward Area Recreation and Park District (H.A.R.D.) is pleased to announce that the Hayward Area Senior Center has received its certification from the Alameda County Green Business Program.

The Bay Area Green Business Certification consists of multiple requirements that a business must adhere to signifying its commitment to a healthy environment and community. Some of the key components consist of water conservation, solid waste reduction & recycling, energy conservation and pollution prevention.

The Hayward Area Senior Center had many of the green certification requirements in place upon beginning the process. Recreation Supervisor Daniela Keiffer who manages the Center stated, “It only made sense to begin with the Senior Center because it was already on the right path with the following practices - food composting, reusable dishes and tablecloths, low-flow toilets and faucets and energy efficient lighting just to name a few.”

Board President Paul Hodges along with the other members of the Board, who are proponents of the District’s sustainability efforts, emphasized that, “The District and its staff are on the right sustainability track. We are grateful that the County reached out to us to do our part and become part of this invaluable and important program. We are appreciative of District Staff who made this come to fruition.” Staff was presented with a certificate by the Alameda County Business Program which is good for three years and at which time the District will recertify. The Center is the first building to be certified in the District with aspirations to certify additional facilities.

For additional information about the Bay Area Green Business Program visit [www.greenbiz.ca.gov](http://www.greenbiz.ca.gov)

For additional information about the Hayward Area Senior Center, call (510) 881-6766 or visit [www.HaywardRec.org/seniors](http://www.HaywardRec.org/seniors)

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