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SEMPRA ENERGY SUPPORTS COMMUNITY E-WASTE RECYCLING

Sempra Energy Foundation has awarded the San Diego Futures Foundation a \$5,000 grant to provide free e-waste recycling for San Diego businesses and residents.

“Sempra Energy’s support of SDFF’s e-waste Recycling and Salvage efforts benefits the entire San Diego community,” said Ken Harth, President of the SDFF Board of Directors. ”Recycling computers, TVs, and other electronics equipment reduces illegal dumping, hazardous contamination and blight. When people recognize the benefit of recycling, they won’t needlessly store their old computers and televisions, which take up space and prevent the recycling of metals needed in manufacturing.”

The EPA estimates that 25 million computers and televisions are taken out of service each year, of which 70% to 80% end up in landfills. By making an alternative choice and recycling, people can extend the lifespan and reduce the toxicity of landfills. Recycling e-waste also helps recover important natural resources, like silver and gold, for reuse while decreasing the need for surface mining. Recycling e-waste is a better, environmentally friendly solution, utilizing these metals in existing products, rather than digging up the earth and impacting nearby forestry.

E-waste recycling becomes more cost-effective when it’s done in greater amounts. As more e-waste is recycled, the process becomes more efficient and productive. Sempra Energy’s donation supports SDFF’s community drop-off hours so that San Diego residents can recycle e-waste conveniently at no cost. **SDFF recycles computers, TVs, laptops, monitors, electronics equipment, copy/fax machines and more at NO COST. For a complete list of donated items, please log onto www.sdfutures.org. Donations are tax deductible.**

**San Diego Futures Foundation
RECYCLING AND SALVAGE CENTER DROP OFF LOCATION**

4283 EL Cajon Blvd, Suite 140

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619.269.1684 option "1"

Hours: Tuesday and Thursdays, 11:30am – 4pm, or by appointment.

ABOUT SDFF The San Diego Futures Foundation is San Diego's premier provider of technology to the nonprofit community. SDFF provides opportunities to use technology as a tool to enhance and change lives. Whether it's developing job skills, building confidence, enhancing life skills, increasing organizational capacity, improving communications, expanding access, or promoting community development, technology helps individuals and organizations achieve their goals. To that end, SDFF has donated more than 20,000 computers and 18,000 hours of technical support to San Diego nonprofits, community-based organizations, schools and families. For more information, log onto www.sdfutures.org/index.htm.

ABOUT SEMpra ENERGY FOUNDATION

The Sempra Energy Foundation is a 501(c) (3) private foundation based in San Diego, California, USA. The foundation was founded by Sempra Energy, a Fortune 250 energy services company that serves the largest customer base of any energy utility in the United States. With 13,600 employees worldwide, the Sempra Energy companies develop energy infrastructure, operate utilities, and provide related products and services to more than 24 million consumers worldwide.

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