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More Santa Clara County Offices Certified Green

San Jose, CALIF. – In an effort to mitigate the impact of climate change, more Santa Clara County Departments are implementing environment-friendly practices in their offices. Currently, six County Offices have received Green Business Certification. These offices are: Agriculture and Environmental Management, South County Agriculture Office, Integrated Waste Management Program, Office of the Assessor, Office of Human Relations, and Parks Administration Building.

“The County of Santa Clara Office of Human Relations is committed to doing its share to reduce our carbon footprint and contribute efforts to reverse the impacts of the global climate change,” said Teresa Castellanos, Acting Director of the Office of Human Relations. “The Green Business label is now being proudly displayed at our office.”

The Santa Clara County Green Business Certification Program recognizes and promotes businesses and government agencies that volunteer to operate in environmentally responsible ways. The certified offices are in compliance with all regulations, and go above and beyond to lower water and energy consumption, reduce waste, and prevent pollution. Their efforts include using recycled paper, purchasing energy efficient appliances, adding sensors to shut off lights in workstations and conference rooms when not in use.

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"Sustainability is a high priority of the Santa Clara County Parks and Recreation Department," said Lisa Killough, Director of Parks and Recreation Department. "Not only do we adopt green practices in our office building, but also we use environment-friendly methods whenever we can for parks maintenance to make sure that when residents come to our parks, they can enjoy nature the way it was intended to be."

To learn more about the County of Santa Clara's Green Business Program, visit:
<http://greenbiz.sccgov.org>.

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