April 30, 2013

Marin County Board of Supervisors
3501 Civic Center Drive
San Rafael, CA 94903

SUBJECT: Presentation by California Environmental Protection Agency (CalEPA) to Marin County Public Works

Dear Board Members:

SUMMARY: At the annual California Certified Unified Program Agency (CUPA) Forum Board training conference in February, Marin County Public Works was awarded the CalEPA Secretary’s Environment Achievement Award. Our Public Works was the only CUPA to receive this recognition among 83 government agencies certified by the Secretary of CalEPA. Jim Bohon the Assistant Secretary of the Environment and Chief of the CalEPA Unified Program will be attending this meeting to present the award.

The CUPA Program was created to provide relief to businesses complying with the overlapping and sometimes conflicting requirements of formerly independently managed programs. To provide this needed relief the Unified Program consolidates, coordinates, and makes consistent the administrative requirements, permits, inspections, and enforcement activities for the following environmental and emergency management programs:

- Hazardous Waste Generators and Hazardous Waste Onsite Treatment
- Aboveground Storage Tanks
- Underground Storage Tanks
- Hazardous Material Release Response Plans and Inventories
- Risk Management and Prevention Program

The Secretary for the California Environmental Protection Agency periodically evaluates each CUPA’s ability to carry out the requirements of the State law. The evaluation assesses whether the CUPA is effectively implementing all of the Unified Program elements and is continually improving to meet the intent of the law. Marin County CUPA was evaluated by Cal EPA in November 2012 receiving an outstanding mark and found to be exceeding State standards.

FISCAL IMPACT: None.

REVIEWED BY:  [ ] Department of Finance  [ X ] N/A
[ ] County Counsel  [ X ] N/A
[ ] Human Resources  [ X ] N/A

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachments: Award and Award Letter

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