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### **County waste department operators triumph at SWANA California ROAD-E-O Competition**

SANTA MARIA, CA - With immense pride, we announce the exceptional performance of our Equipment Operators from the Riverside County Department of Waste Resources at the recently concluded Solid Waste Association of North America (SWANA) California ROAD-E-O event on August 26th in Santa Maria, CA. Held in high regard in the solid waste industry, the competition spotlights the superior skills of operators across various on-road vehicles integral to the waste industry throughout the state.

Representing Riverside County Department of Waste Resources, two of our three dedicated representatives secured top honors in the Roll Off Truck competition. Francisco Valenzuela clinched a monumental 1st place victory, while Ricardo Arcenio exhibited commendable skills, earning a proud 3rd place finish.

Andy Cortez, Assistant Chief Engineer at Waste Resources, stated, "Their achievements not only spotlight their exceptional skills but also underline the dedication, training, and excellence our department upholds daily."

With a pronounced emphasis on safety, best practices, and skill enhancement, the competition saw our representatives Francisco Valenzuela – Badlands Landfill Operations and Maintenance

Supervisor (OMS), Luis Coloma – Badlands Landfill OMS, and Ricardo Arcenio – Lamb Canyon Equipment Operator II contending for honors.

Cortez also noted, "Regardless of the result, every participant gains invaluable experiences that undoubtedly contribute to our collective growth. This achievement underscores the commitment and determination that each member of our department displays, reinforcing our leadership in the waste industry."

We invite our community and industry peers to join us in celebrating this noteworthy accomplishment and fostering an environment of continuous learning, collaboration, and excellence.

For more information, call (951) 486-3200 or visit [www.rcwaste.org](http://www.rcwaste.org)

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*Caption: Waste Resources Operators Ricardo Arcenio, Luis Colima and Francisco Valenzuela.*

