



VWRA's RNG Project a Finalist for a Global Water Award

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Victorville, CA—The state-of-the-art co-digestion and renewable natural gas project at Victor Valley Wastewater Reclamation Authority is a finalist for a Global Water Award as Wastewater Project of the Year. The project is a public-private partnership between VWRA, Anaergia Inc. and Southwest Gas. The facility collects methane from the digestion of food waste and municipal sewage and converts it into renewable natural gas (RNG). The project treats 235,000 tons a year of food waste and sludge collecting 320,000 Mmbtu of biomethane which is converted into RNG and injected into a Southwest Gas pipeline. The project produces the equivalent amount of RNG to supply more than 5100 homes. By co-digesting off-site waste, the plant makes VWRA a regional champion for waste reduction even beyond its own wastewater responsibilities. The renewable disposal of food waste has become increasingly in demand with the passage of California's SB 1383 which requires 75% of organic materials like food waste be diverted from landfills.

"We are honored to be recognized on an international level for the innovative work we are doing with our partners", said VWRA General Manager Darron Poulsen. "The RNG project at VWRA is a showcase of how public agencies, utilities and private business can come together to help resolve significant environmental challenges."

"For several decades Anaergia has been helping cities, utilities and industries decarbonize by converting their waste into carbon-negative fuel and diverting organics from landfill disposal", said Andrew Benedek, Anaergia's Chairman and CEO. "Our facilities help reduce methane emissions at scale and make net zero possible around the globe every day."

The Global Water Awards were established in 2006 by Global Water Intelligence and recognize the most important achievements in the international water industry. VWRA is competing against projects from Egypt, China and Saudi Arabia. The Global Water Awards will be presented during the Global Water Summit in Berlin, Germany on May 9th.

About VWRA: VWRA is a regional resource recovery facility in the Victor Valley that produces recycled water, renewable natural gas and nutrient rich soil amendments