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Peña's Disposal Service increased Tulare County, Calif., recycling rate to 82 percent.

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The California Resource Recovery Association has chosen [Peña's Disposal Service](#), Cutler, Calif., as the 2012 winner in the association's statewide Outstanding Construction & Demolition Debris Diversion category.

The company recently received the contract to handle construction and demolition recycling for California's Tulare County and seven of its incorporated cities in 2011. According to Peña's, under the previous hauler, the recycling rate was 56 percent. In the first three months of the new contract under Peña's, the recycling rate increased to 82 percent. Today, the average recycling rate remains 82 percent, with a one-month record high of 89 percent, according to the company.

Additionally, because of the C&D contract with Tulare County, Peña's Disposal was able to add 25 jobs for Tulare County residents, according to company Vice President Art Peña.

"This kind of improvement in recycling was noticed in Sacramento, and Peña's is honored to be recognized," Peña says. "We are a small, family-owned, company competing with national companies. But the accomplishment of our staff is really remarkable. We are pleased to do our part to get Tulare County closer to the state's overall rate for diverting waste from the waste stream and into recycling."

Peña's Disposal's Cutler operation handles household hazardous waste, green waste, electronic scrap and construction and demolition waste.

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