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SALT LAKE COUNTY, Utah – As the inversion builds within the Salt Lake Valley, reducing carbon emissions becomes the focus. Wasatch Front Waste & Recycling District (WFWRD) is doing its part for the environment and community by using compressed natural gas (CNG) for their entire fleet of residential collection trucks rather than diesel fuel.

WFWRD completed the five-year transition of their fleet of 46 residential collection vehicles in August of 2016. “We service over 82,000 homes every week. This equates to over 1.3 million miles every year,” states Mike Allan, WFWRD Deputy Director over Operations. “By using CNG vehicles, we can dramatically reduce the negative impact to our environment.” According to Natural Gas Vehicles of America, CNG vehicles emit 20%-29% fewer greenhouse gas emissions than comparable gasoline or diesel fueled vehicles. This means that on an annual basis WFWRD is saving approximately 4,000 tons of carbon dioxide pollution by using CNG fuel.

Switching to CNG vehicles also works from a financial aspect. Craig Tischner, Herriman City Councilman and current Chair for WFWRD’s Administrative Control Board states, “We are committed to being accountable to our community to provide collection services in a healthy and safe manner. This inspired the District to move to an entirely CNG fleet for its collection vehicles. The past two years have shown a savings of approximately $780,000 in fuel costs since we started using CNG trucks. CNG fuel is less expensive than diesel fuel.” These efforts help WFWRD accomplish its goals in both financial and environmental stewardship.

Wasatch Front Waste & Recycling District proudly serves the Copperton, Emigration, Kearns, Magna and White City Metro Townships; the cities of Cottonwood Heights, Herriman, Holladay, Millcreek, Taylorsville, and portions of Murray and Sandy; and the unincorporated areas of Salt Lake County.

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