

# MRF of the Month

## Peña's Disposal Service Material Recovery Facility

Located in California's Central Valley, around 35 miles southeast of Fresno, Peña's Disposal has been in operation for over 60 years. Originally established as a means for Salvador Peña to collect food debris for his pig ranch, the company has grown into a disposal services firm serving over 76,000 customers. In 2008, Peña's opened its own material recovery facility to better serve its customers in the area.

The 62,000-square-foot MRF is fed by materials collected from a mix of residential

and commercial single-stream collection programs in Tulare and Fresno Counties. The MRF also began processing construction and demolition materials in April 2010, with the new line processing over 30,000 tons of material through the end of the year.

According to the company, Peña's is the only firm in the county permitted to process refuse, recycling, e-scrap, C&D materials,

green waste and household hazardous waste all at one site.

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Disposal Service MRF uses equipment from Enterprise Baler Company and Parmigan Machinery Company to process recyclable materials, handling just under 80,000 tons in

2010. Like most facilities, the biggest headache for the MRF's operators are plastic bags and EPS foam.

To help boost collection the company has done extensive outreach into the community, and has designed and implemented bilingual recycling programs to help schools meet mandated diversion goals, as well as earn money from California refund value (CRV) material.

Peña's Disposal employs 86 people, overall – 14 of them work in the MRF and 20 of them in the C&D. The MRF runs one eight-hour shift, five days per week (Monday-Friday).

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## Technical Specifications\*

### Peña's Disposal Service Material Recovery Facility

#### Location:

Cutler, California

#### Start-up date:

2008

#### Number of processing lines:

Three – recycling, green waste and construction and demolition

#### Throughput:

500 tons per day

#### Tons of material processed

in 2010: 79,822 tons of recyclable material and 30,801 tons of C&D (contract for C&D went into effect in April 2010)

**Residue rate:** 35 percent (C&D line is at 20 percent)



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