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### **Waste District Gets Award for Methane Power Project**

The Monterey Regional Waste Management District has received an excellence award from the Solid Waste Authority of North America for the agency's 24-year-old landfill gas plant near Marina.

The plant was among the first such projects in the United States. Its four generators provide 4.6 megawatts. That provides all the agency's electrical needs, said William Merry, general manager of the district.

The plant has captured almost 650,000 tons of methane gas, and the sale of surplus electricity has generated \$17 million for the district, said Merry. The gas is collected from about 120 acres.