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Melody LaBella is the Pollution Prevention Program Coordinator for Central Contra Costa Sanitary District where she has worked for almost 13 years. She is past Chair and current manager of regional pollution prevention projects and campaigns for the Bay Area Pollution Prevention Group (BAPPG) – a consortium of 43 wastewater treatment agencies in and around the San Francisco Bay. During her tenure as Chair, the BAPPG conducted a first-of-its kind regional collection event for residential pharmaceutical waste called *Safe Medicine Disposal Days* in May 2006. This 1-week event resulted in the collection and proper disposal of 3,634 pounds of unwanted medications at 39 locations and brought to light the need for safe and convenient disposal locations for unwanted medications in California.

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