



Making alternative moves

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WHITE CITY, Ore. -- Rogue Valley Clean Cities sponsored a conference to discuss the possibility of converting vehicles to compressed natural gas Wednesday.

Different city and transportation agencies attended, some already taking advantage of alternative fuel options.

"Wouldn't it be neat if that garbage you threw away that banana peel, potato shavings or whatever one day powers the garbage truck that comes back and picks it up in six to eight months," said Garry Penning from Dry Creek Landfill.

Penning says the garbage trucks that pick drop off trash at Dry Creek run on compressed natural gas.

Compressed natural gas, or CNG emits 80-90 percent less emissions than a diesel truck, he added.

Dry Creek Landfill made a presentation along side other alternative fuel groups to make the push for greener solutions.

Penning said more groups need to get involved because having only one alternative fueling station is not cost effective if only some are using it.

"We need to generate that use on the need for Compressed Natural Gas," said Penning. "It's getting other fleets involved so it's a cooperative Valley wide event."

Different fuel efficient cars were on display at the event, including street sweepers, garbage trucks and a Rogue Valley transit bus.

Penning said he hopes seeing these vehicles in action will convince others to make the alternative move.

"We feel this is Dry Creek and Rogue Disposal and Recycling's commitment to the quality of life and environment here in the Valley for the next decades to come," said Penning.

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