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## **Governor Names Recipients of State's Top Environmental Leadership Awards**

SACRAMENTO – Tonight, 21 organizations will receive California's highest and most prestigious environmental honor – the Governor's Environmental and Economic Leadership Awards – for their notable, voluntary contributions to conserving California's precious resources, protecting and enhancing our environment, and building public-private partnerships.

"I'm proud to honor this year's award recipients for their sustained commitment, innovative solutions and strategic investment to protect our environment and boost our economy," said Governor Schwarzenegger. "Tonight's honorees have shown extraordinary leadership in modeling environmental stewardship with long-term goals in mind. California's long history of environmental leadership is due in large part to the companies and organizations that demonstrate a strong commitment to preserving our natural resources."

Honorees will accept awards at a ceremony in the Byron Sher Auditorium at the California Environmental Protection Agency headquarters building in Sacramento. The event begins at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 25, and is open to the press.

"We just returned from the Governors' Global Climate Summit where international leaders discussed what can be done in various sectors, so I'm pleased that we have so many people on a local level in a variety of fields showcasing their sustainable initiatives. These are true leaders in today's world of balancing our most precious resources and our growing economy," said Linda Adams, Secretary for Environmental Protection.

The Governor's Environmental and Economic Leadership Awards program was established in 1993. Recipients are selected by a large panel of evaluators and the Secretaries of Cal/EPA, the Resources Agency, Business, Transportation and Housing Agency, the Department of Food and Agriculture, the State and Consumer Services Agency, and the Governor's Office.

For more information about GEELA, see the attached sheet or visit the Cal/EPA Web site: <http://www.calepa.ca.gov/Awards/GEELA/>.

\*\* Winner Summary Attached \*\*

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