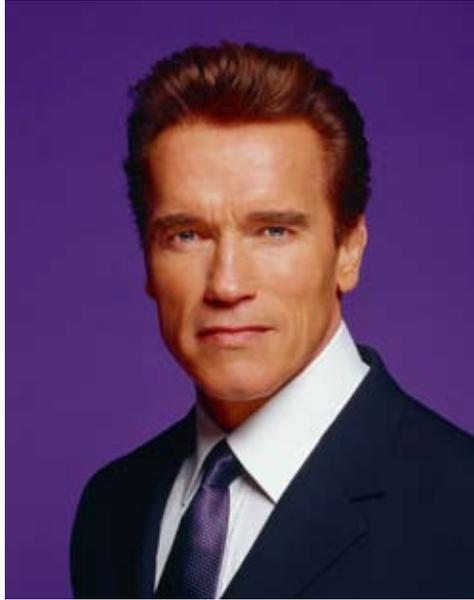


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The 2007 Governor's Environmental and Economic Leadership Awards

The Governor's Environmental and Economic Leadership Awards Program is California's highest and most prestigious environmental honor. The program recognizes individuals, organizations and businesses that have demonstrated exceptional leadership. This year's winners all have made extraordinary contributions to conserving California's precious resources, protecting and enhancing our environment, and building public-private partnerships.

The award program is administered by the California Environmental Protection Agency and the Resources Agency in collaboration with the State and Consumer Services Agency, the California Department of Food and Agriculture, and the Business, Transportation and Housing Agency.

Award recipients are chosen in eight different categories based on their strength in eight specific areas including results, transferability, environmental impact, resource conservation, economic progress, innovation and uniqueness, pollution prevention, and environmental justice.

Sustainable Practices or Facilities

Pioneering efforts to integrate environmental values and conservation of natural resources into long-term decision making and management of businesses and facilities.

Chartwell School's Green Campus

CHARTWELL SCHOOL, MONTEREY COUNTY

The Chartwell School is a private, K-8 school in Seaside that educates children with dyslexia and a wide range of language-related visual and auditory learning differences. The school's newly-constructed green campus was opened in 2006 on a reclaimed parcel of the Fort Ord military base in Monterey County. The new campus features a number of innovative, sustainable technologies including renewable materials, energy efficiency features, and resource conservation design. Building engineers crafted a facility which will maintain a low-carbon footprint long into the future, integrating recyclable building materials and low- or non-toxic construction supplies. These features promote natural resource conservation and create an ideal setting for successful learning.

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Sustainable Practices or Facilities

Corporate Environmental Program

TOYOTA MOTOR SALES, USA, INC., LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Toyota, one of the nation's largest auto companies with headquarters in Torrance, is guided by the company's Five Year Environmental Action Plan. Toyota's environmental programs are incorporated into all aspects of the business, from enhanced reuse and recycling of materials, to expanded energy conservation measures that have reduced use by 24 percent since 2000. The company boasts an 87 percent recycling rate at distribution centers in California, saving 10.3 million pounds of wood, 3.4 million pounds of cardboard, and \$5.3 million through packaging reduction efforts. With zero landfill disposal at its Torrance headquarters, Toyota's environmental guidelines are resulting in economic growth which is in harmony with the environment.

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Sustainable Practices or Facilities

The Greening of Adobe Towers

**ADOBE SYSTEMS INCORPORATED & CUSHMAN & WAKEFIELD INC.,
SANTA CLARA COUNTY**

At the Adobe Systems headquarters building in San Jose, investments made in energy efficiency measures and resource conservation projects are showing big returns. By installing drought resistant landscaping, diverting up to 93 percent of waste, and installing technology to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, Adobe Systems has experienced a rate of investment return exceeding 120 percent. The company boasts the following notable results: reduced electricity use 37 percent, natural gas use 41 percent, domestic water use 22 percent and landscape irrigation 76 percent. Adobe Systems is leading by example, hosting public workshops and promoting sustainable practices throughout the community.

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Sustainable Practices or Facilities

Kimpton EarthCare Program

KIMPTON HOTELS & RESTAURANTS, STATEWIDE

Kimpton Hotels and Restaurants, headquartered in San Francisco, has made a life-long commitment to environmental responsibility through the EarthCare Program. On a regular basis, the company incorporates new sustainable products and practices into its 11 California properties. Since the program was established, Kimpton has enhanced recycling efforts, incorporated organic foods and non-toxic cleaning products, promoted guest education, and created a system for measuring and evaluating results. The EarthCare Program has helped recycle more than 962,000 pounds of cardboard, replace nearly 50,000 gallons of cleaning chemicals with non-toxic alternatives, and save more than 253 trees using recycled paper.

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Sustainable Practices or Facilities

A Sustainable Mandate for New Construction

LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT, LOS ANGELES COUNTY

When Los Angeles voters approved \$2.2 billion in bond funds to modernize all nine of the county's community college campuses, the Board of Trustees committed itself to investing the funds in an environmentally-responsible manner. Using guidelines to ensure all construction meets national green building standards, the bond construction program is rapidly becoming a national model for green building practices. As part of its overall building project, the Los Angeles Community College District is implementing renewable energy strategies so that each campus will generate enough power to take them "off the grid" – saving millions of dollars that can be reinvested in maintenance and operation costs.

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Children's Environmental Education

Unique and exemplary educational programs and curricula that align with California's academic standards and raise children's awareness of, and involvement in, environmental issues.

Children's Environmental Education Programs

CUCAMONGA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT, SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY

The Cucamonga Valley Water District, which serves approximately 185,000 customers in San Bernardino County, has five school districts within its service boundaries. Recognizing the importance of promoting environmental responsibility, the regional water district developed an educational program to provide students, teachers and school districts with interactive learning opportunities about water, environmental protection, preservation and conservation. All programs are free of charge. The Cucamonga Valley Water District's educational programs include short-term team projects, on-campus gardens, specialized teacher training, and much more. Last year, 438 teachers and 13,437 students participated in the various environmental programs.

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Children's Environmental Education

Kids in Nature (KIN)

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SANTA BARBARA, SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

KIN provides a year-long, hands-on environmental program for underserved upper elementary students in Santa Barbara County. The program, developed by the Cheadle Center for Biodiversity and Ecological Restoration at UC Santa Barbara, promotes site-based learning, using the local community and environment to teach core concepts. The program provides engaging classroom activities, interactive computer simulations, and hands-on habitat restoration. KIN students, representing varying levels of ability and language skills, are involved in watershed education at Arroyo Hondo, and restoration projects at Sedgwick Reserve. Each classroom participates in a total of seven field trips where children work closely with KIN staff and docents for a sustained educational experience.

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Ecosystem & Watershed Stewardship

Innovative and sustainable approaches to land and water management that restore or protect natural conditions and provide economic, social and environmental benefits.

Dairy Creek Erosion Control Program

CALIFORNIA ARMY NATIONAL GUARD, SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY

Camp San Luis Obispo is a 5,612-acre California Army National Guard training site on the Central California coast. Many of the roads and drainages are susceptible to erosion, hindering military training opportunities and endangering protected species. To respond, the National Guard developed the Dairy Creek Erosion Control Program. The project improved road grading, stabilized drainage and eroded areas, and installed native vegetation to reduce runoff into nearby waterways. The Dairy Creek project resulted in sustaining lands, protecting threatened and endangered species and their habitats, and reducing sediment into Morro Bay. By working with other local and statewide agencies, the project costs were reduced dramatically, serving as a model for innovative and cooperative programs.

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Ecosystem & Watershed Stewardship

Meyers Water Bank & Wildlife Project

MEYERS FARMING, FRESNO & MADERA COUNTIES

Through preservation and conservation, the Meyers Water Bank & Wildlife Project is practicing sound water management to sustain its agricultural operations during future water short years. The project has three distinct goals: storage of groundwater to provide a sustainable water supply for agricultural purposes, the restoration of habitat throughout the project area for use by wildlife, and education outreach to students in the community. Meyers Farming instituted a program which promotes conservation, efficient water use, groundwater recharge, wildlife habitat, educational outreach and groundwater quality improvement. The Meyers project is a common sense, but unique approach to sustainable agricultural practices.

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Environmental and Economic Partnerships

Unique and cooperative approaches between the private, public and/or non-profit sectors that produce both environmental and economic improvement.

Great Battery Roundup

AAA OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA, NORTHERN & CENTRAL CALIFORNIA

Partnering with local communities and non-profit organizations, AAA of Northern California operates the Great Battery Roundup, a highly-successful battery recycling program. Over the last five years, the program has collected 32,831 toxic car, boat and motorcycle batteries – keeping 590,958 pounds of lead, 32,831 gallons of sulfuric acid and 98,493 pounds of plastic out of local landfills. AAA of Northern California’s Great Battery Roundup partners with local nonprofit environmental organizations, city and county recycling facilities, and AAA towing contractors. By using a grassroots approach, the program brings public and private organizations together to promote environmental protection through recycling.

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Environmental and Economic Partnerships

Greenprint Initiative

**SACRAMENTO TREE FOUNDATION, SACRAMENTO, YOLO, PLACER,
AND EL DORADO COUNTIES**

To optimize the benefits on a thriving tree canopy, the Sacramento Tree Foundation developed the Greenprint Initiative to achieve regional support for increased investment in urban tree planting, urban forest management and community education. The initiative has successfully brought together elected officials, community leaders and business owners from 26 cities and counties in the greater Sacramento area. A thriving tree canopy could reduce summer air temperatures, lower ozone formation and capture up to 925 tons of carbon per day. The Greenprint Initiative is a critical component to the region's sustainability and livability goals, fostering a unique collaboration between the government agencies, non-profit organizations and businesses.

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Environmental & Economic Partnerships

California Dairy Quality Assurance Program

STATEWIDE

The California Dairy Quality Assurance Program (CDQAP) is a partnership of government, educators, and the dairy industry. The California dairy industry is a multi-billion dollar industry, producing one in five gallons of our nation's milk supply. To protect this valuable resource, the CDQAP helps California dairy producers understand and comply with federal, state and local laws. The voluntary program also provides valuable training and certification on animal and food safety, environmental stewardship, emergency preparedness and disease prevention. More than 1,500 California dairy producers have received classroom training.

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Environmental & Economic Partnerships

Special Education E-Waste Recycling Project

LEONARDO DA VINCI SCHOOL, SACRAMENTO COUNTY

Leonardo da Vinci K-8 School is dedicated to the development of the whole child as a curious and inventive person, responsible for preserving and creating beauty in our cultural and natural environments. The school's Recycling Program gives students hands-on experience in environmental stewardship, and helps raise funds for other important programs. As part of its Recycling Program, the school planned a 3-day electronic waste recycling event – collecting more than 250,000 pounds of used electronics devices including used and outdated computers, monitors, circuit boards, TV sets, VCR's and cell phones. For collecting the waste, the school earned \$10,000 in rebates from the electronic recycler.

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Sustainable Communities

Exemplary project design or development of local communities and landscapes that makes efficient use of land, protects public health and conserves local watersheds, habitats and other sensitive lands.

Dos Lagos Mixed Use Development Project

SE CORPORATION, RIVERSIDE COUNTY

Dos Lagos is a 543-acre highly integrated, pedestrian-oriented community that blends a variety of land uses in a dynamic and self-sustaining environment. The development was designed to meet the needs of a growing population, while maintaining the balance and accessibility of social, economic and natural resources. Located along Interstate 15 in the City of Corona, the mixed-use community was planned to reclaim the former Owens Illinois mining site, remove blighted areas, restore critical wildlife, vegetation and open space resources. It is a model project that demonstrates how successful public-private partnerships can result in economic, social and environmentally-balanced land use practices and communities.

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Comprehensive Land Use Planning

Innovative and exemplary community design that results in socially equitable housing, cost-effective infrastructure and transportation, water and energy efficiencies, and open space conservation to protect forests, agriculture, watersheds and other ecosystem values.

Del Sur Community Land Plan

BLACK MOUNTAIN RANCH LLC, SAN DIEGO COUNTY

After nearly 20 years of careful planning, when completed the Del Sur Community will be an 1,800-acre community with more than over 2,500 homes, business and commercial space, including 469 units for affordable to low-income households, and more than 2,000 acres of open space. During the construction phase, more than 90 percent of the building waste has been diverted from local landfills. Del Sur is contributing more than \$20 million toward infrastructure improvements along I-15 and SR-56 corridors, and will offer shuttles linked to express buses for I-15. Del Sur serves as a model of responsible planning, conservation design, sustainable building practices and other green living strategies.

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Climate Change

Innovative and forward-thinking approaches that reduce greenhouse gas emissions and lessen the impacts of climate change on public health and our vast natural resources.

Reducing Our Carbon Footprint

SAFEWAY INC., STATEWIDE

Safeway, California's third largest private-sector employer and one of the state's biggest commercial consumers of energy, has launched a comprehensive, long-term Greenhouse Gas and Sustainability Initiative to reduce the company's carbon footprint. Last year, Safeway implemented measures that reduced carbon dioxide emissions by more than 320,000 metric tons – equivalent to removing 69,000 cars from the road. To increase emissions reductions, Safeway is implementing an aggressive new phase to increase the fuel efficiency of all 900 trucks in its fleet, monitor and track emissions, promote additional energy conservation programs, expand recycling efforts, and much more. Safeway has a long history of environmental leadership and continues to proactively develop initiatives that make environmental and economic sense.

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Climate Change

Carbon Neutral – Leading by Example

MENDOCINO WINE COMPANY, MENDOCINO COUNTY

The Mendocino Wine Company is dedicated to socially responsible and environmentally sound agricultural and business practices. The 75-year-old Parducci Winery is the company hub – earning the notable title of becoming the first carbon neutral winery in the nation. The company is able to reduce its carbon emissions by using the renewable power of the sun, installing energy efficiency technologies, and converting farm equipment to run on lower polluting biodiesel. Any additional emissions are offset through investment in local carbon-reducing projects. The company uses earth-friendly packaging (tree-free and recycled paper printed with soy-based inks) and promotes a variety of reduce-reuse programs that include on-site vineyard composting, water conservation and recycling projects.

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Climate Change

CO₂ Initiative

**SUSTAINABLE SILICON VALLEY, SAN MATEO, SANTA CLARA
& SANTA CRUZ COUNTIES**

Sustainable Silicon Valley (SSV) is a collaboration of businesses, governments and non-profit organizations focused on developing solutions to the region's most pressing environmental issues. The CO₂ Initiative is focused on developing strategies to reducing greenhouse gas emissions that contribute to global warming. SSV provides an important forum for exchanging valuable information on energy efficiency, new technology development and implementation, waste recycling, grant resources, and much more. SSV partners have developed a regional goal to reduce carbon emissions to 20 percent below their 1990 levels by 2010 – more aggressive than the state's global warming law. By implementing carbon reduction strategies, it's estimated that SSV partners already have reduced emissions by about 12 percent.

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