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Cal/EPA Announces Winners at Household Hazardous Waste Conference

SACRAMENTO --- Citing the need to continue the reduction of hazardous waste from California households, Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) Director Ed Lowry commended a dozen California counties for their excellence, ingenuity and achievement at the 2002 California Environmental Protection Agency (Cal/EPA) Household Hazardous Waste Conference in Ventura. The awards are a featured part of the Seventh Annual Household Hazardous Waste Conference sponsored by DTSC and the Integrated Waste Management Board.

The awards include Outstanding Personal Service, Best New Program, Program Excellence, Outstanding Rural Program, and Program Innovation. The Awards Committee selected thirteen winners.

DTSC provides assistance to city and county governments seeking to establish household hazardous waste programs, and regulates the disposal of used oil and household hazardous wastes. The Integrated Waste Management Board provides financial assistance to local entities through several grant programs and through partnerships with local governments, industry and the public.

Cities and counties administer California's household hazardous waste programs. The programs feature household hazardous waste collection days that give residents a method of safe disposal of household items such as old paint, pesticides, used oil, and other household hazardous waste.

Winners of the Awards Include:

Togetherness	City of Los Angeles Mercury Medical Equipment Exchange Program
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Outstanding Rural Program County of Inyo Integrated Waste Management

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Most Innovative E-Waste Program	City of Manteca For their proactive approach regarding E-waste
Program Innovation	City and County of San Francisco For their San Francisco Port Used Oil Collection and Recycling Program
Program Excellence	County of Santa Barbara Public Works Department Solid Waste and Utilities Division For its county-wide Household Hazardous Waste Program
CESQG Pollution Prevention	Town of Mammoth Lakes and Mammoth Mountain Ski Area (a public/private partnership program) For their voluntarily organized and implemented comprehensive resource conservation program for the annual Mammoth Motocross motorcycle race
Best New E-Waste Program	San Luis Obispo County Integrated Waste Management Authority For its Managing E-waste: The Challenge of a Convenient Yet Cost Effective Program
Best New Program	City of Diamond Bar For its Integrated Waste Management Plan of Action
Outstanding Policy Advancement	City and County of San Francisco For their resolution urging the California Legislature to introduce and support legislation requiring computer and electronics producers to take responsibility for reuse and recycling of their products
Outstanding Personal Service	Ms. Leslie Daniel Sonoma County Waste Management Authority
Pickled Skunk Brains Award Blue Ribbon Red Ribbon	Kern County Waste Management Department "The Mercury Queen" City of San Diego – Environmental Services Department "Kids Bring the Darndest Things"

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Picric Acid Award
Blue Ribbon

Kern County Waste Management Department
"Just Another Quiet Day In...."

Strange Occurrence Award City of San Diego, Environmental Services
Blue Ribbon

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"Over the Limit"

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The Department of Toxic Substances Control's mission is to restore, protect, and enhance the environment and ensure public health, environmental quality and economic vitality by regulating hazardous waste, conducting and overseeing cleanups, and developing and promoting pollution prevention.

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"The energy challenge facing California is real. Every Californian needs to take immediate action to reduce energy consumption. For a list of simple ways you can reduce demand and cut your energy costs, see our Web-site at www.dtsc.ca.gov."