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April 19, 2011

Board of Supervisors County of Ventura 800 South Victoria Avenue Ventura, CA 93009

SUBJECT:

Recommendation of Supervisor Bennett to present the 3rdAnnual Ventura County Climate Change Action Awards Presentation

RECOMMENDATION:

Acknowledge nominees in all award categories and present winners with Climate Change Action Awards.

DISCUSSION:

The Board of Supervisors took action on Earth Day April 22nd, 2008 to adopt a Countywide Climate Change Action Awards Program. The Board scheduled the annual awards program to take place at the meeting closest to Earth Day which this year is the meeting of April 19th, 2011.

In keeping with the spirit of the awards, the solicitation of nominees was accomplished by electronic mailing to numerous individuals, groups and organization throughout Ventura County. These solicitations ran the gamut from environmental organizations, business and development associations to agriculture and public agencies. The nomination period ran from January 12th to April 3rd with a selection committee meeting April 5th to decide the top nominees in each category and the Climate Action Award winners.

The selection committee's recommendation was to invite the top nominees in each category to the board meeting on April 19th for recognition and to announce the category winners at the same time. Listed below are the categories along with the top nominees.

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Sustainable Business Practices

Ojai Valley Inn Harrison Industries File Your Own Taxes Hartigan /Foley Farm Share to Food Share

Large, Medium and Small Carbon Footprint Reduction

Ventura County General Services Agency Ventura County Assessor's Office City of Port Hueneme Water Agency

Climate Action Heroes

Wayne Pendry Jimmy Young Ms. Lupe Anguiano John Scheck

Schools/ School Districts

EARTHs Magnet School/ Conejo Unified School District

Boxell

Public Outreach/ Education

Ojai Valley Green Coalition Hueneme Beautiful, Inc. Ventura County Air Pollution Control District

These individuals and organizations have been invited to display materials telling their story of leadership on climate change in our community in the Hall of Administration during the week of April 18th through the 22nd Please stop by and learn what they and other County departments are doing to combat climate change and save taxpayer resources at the same time.

Cordially,

Steve Bennett

Supervisor, First District