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Board of Supervisors
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800 South Victoria Avenue
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SUBJECT:

Fifth Annual Ventura County Climate Change Action Awards Presentation

RECOMMENDATIONS:

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 16, 2013.

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 agency interests. The nomination period ran from February 15th to April 7th with the top nominees in each category being invited to the board meeting on April 16th for recognition and to announce the category winners at the same time. Listed below are the categories along with the top nominees.

Sustainable Business Practices

The Refill Shoppe
Santa Paula Materials
Ohana Pet Hospital
Trupart Manufacturing

Large, Medium and Small Carbon Footprint Reduction

Conejo Recreation and Park District
GSA Maintenance Division
Sheriff's Office—Todd Road Jail
Ventura County Medical Center—Dietary Department

Climate Action Heroes

Karen Bednorz—Wild and Scenic Film Festival
Toby Smith— Ventura Bicycle Union

Schools/ School Districts

Ojai Valley School
Oak Park School District- The Environmental Interconnectivity Team

Public Outreach/ Education

Ventura Chamber of Commerce Green Task Force
CSUCI Generation Green Club
The Ojai Green Coalition
Oak Grove School -- EarthPlay 2012

Please join me in welcoming this year's Climate Change Action Award nominees.

Cordially,



Steve Bennett
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