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Board of Supervisors
800 South Victoria Avenue
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SUBJECT: 4th 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 24th, 2012.

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 17th with the top nominees in each category being invited to the board meeting on April 24th 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

Crown Plaza Hotel
The Refill Shop
Oxnard Pallet Company
PizzaSalad

Large, Medium and Small Carbon Footprint Reduction

Ventura County Regional Energy Alliance
Deardorff Family Farms
City of Ojai

Climate Action Heroes

Zeke Barlow
Kit Stolz
Dr. Don Rodriguez

Schools/ School Districts

Oak Park Unified School District
Conejo Valley Unified School District
Ventura Charter School of Arts & Global Education

Public Outreach/ Education

Thousand Oaks Green Business Certification
Ventura Chamber of Commerce Green Task Force
Simi Valley Living Green Expo

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

Cordially,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Steve Bennett".

Steve Bennett
Supervisor, First District