

## P R E S S   R E L E A S E

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### Award Recipients announced by the California Water Policy Conference

The California Water Policy Conference announce the winners of this year's awards which recognized individuals, public and nonprofit agencies and companies that enliven and expand the California Dream by pursuing environmental justice while advancing innovation, breakthrough technologies, community and collaborative programs, and/or new ways of thinking about water in California.

The recipients of this year's awards are: The City of Santa Barbara Creeks Restoration & Water Quality Improvement Division for their Old Mission Creek Restoration at Bohnett Park project; The San Diego River Park Foundation for their Reaching All for Stewardship program; and The Environmental Justice Water Coalition for Water, a network of more than 50 grassroots groups formed to advance a progressive, community-driven policy agenda that affirmatively addresses the water-related issues, problems, and visions of low-income communities and people of color in California.

In addition to these three award recipients, this year the Conference will also recognize two recipients of the Carla Bard Advocacy Award. This award is given in memory of Carla Bard, a former chair of the State Water Resources Control Board and a former member of the California Water Policy Conference planning committee. The award is given each year to agencies and individuals who go beyond the call of duty on a local level. This year's recipients of the Carla Bard Advocacy Award are Frances Spivy-Weber, Executive Director of the Mono Lake Committee and Sandra Meraz with the Committee for a Better Alpaugh.

Award recipients will be recognized at the awards dinner during the California Water Policy Conference on Thursday, November 18. This year's conference entitled, "California Dreaming: Time to Wake Up", will be held November 18 & 19, 2004 at the Wilshire Grand Hotel in Los Angeles. For more information on the conference program, visit the conference website at [www.cawaterpolicy.org](http://www.cawaterpolicy.org) or contact Debbi Dodson at [ddodson@san.rr.com](mailto:ddodson@san.rr.com) or at 858-272-9627.

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