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SEC Environmental Awards Presented to Environmental Superstars

Tonight, the Sacramento Environmental Commission (SEC) gave recognition to outstanding Sacramento County citizens, businesses and organizations that have demonstrated outstanding efforts to improve the environment or voluntarily exceed regulatory requirements.

Four trophies were presented to the winners of this year's SEC Environmental Awards:

- **California Product Stewardship Council** established four medical waste collection sites and a successful outreach program called "Don't Rush to Flush" to educate the public about the hazards of flushing unused medications down the toilet. Heidi Sanborn, Executive Director of the California Product Stewardship Council accepted the award.
- **Mutual Housing California** completed a green renovation of its South Sacramento 54 unit Greenway Apartments including energy efficient appliances, light fixtures, windows, solar panels, LED lighting, drought tolerant landscaping, water efficient toilets, and storm drainage bio swales. Keith Bloom, Senior Project Manager accepted the award.
- **City of Elk Grove** completed a Special Waste Collection Site, built to LEED standards including sky lights, white concrete, a reuse room for consumers to drop off unused household hazardous cleaning materials that can be reused by other consumers, solar panels, and innovative battery sorting methods. The following accepted the award:
 - Heather Neff, Integrated Waste Manager
 - Christian Punsal, Integrated Waste Coordinator
 - Carlos Duque, SWCC Program Manager
 - Geoffrey Niswander, SWCC Chemist
 - Donna Regan, SWCC Environmental Health and Safety Specialist
 - Cedar Kehoe, Former Integrated Waste Manager

- **The Nature Conservancy** conducted the Lower Consumnes River Preserve project to restore more than 500 acres of floodplain habitat, including the restoration of native plants and the enhancement of wetland habitat for salmon and migratory waterfowl. This project will serve as a model for floodplain conservation and management in California. It strategically breached private levees to connect the Consumnes River with its floodplains, providing flood management, groundwater recharge and wildlife habitat benefits. Judah Grossman, PhD, Project Director, and Jesse Roseman accepted the award.

The Sacramento Environmental Commission (SEC) was created by the County Board of Supervisors and City Councils in 1988 with a broad charter to provide information, analysis and advice to the elected officials on environmental issues, and to provide assistance and advice to the Environmental Management Department on environmental programs. The appointed members come from diverse backgrounds, frequently representing environmental law, community advocacy, environmental regulation, industry, and land use planning among their areas of expertise and interest. For additional information visit: <https://emd.saccounty.net/sec/default.html>

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