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SEC Environmental Recognition Awards

The Sacramento Environmental Commission (SEC) gave recognition to exceptional citizens, businesses and organizations based in Sacramento County that have demonstrated outstanding efforts to improve the environment.

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

- **City of Elk Grove, County of Sacramento and City of Rancho Cordova** produced and distributed an educational publication for consumers titled "The Usual Suspects" about how to dispose of household hazardous waste materials. An estimated 344,300 readers were reached with the colorful, informative and entertaining publication. This means of distribution is one of the primary ways the public learns about household hazardous waste and how to dispose of and/or recycle it.
- **City of Elk Grove Elementary School Recycling Education Program** partnered with local schools and teachers, and provided educational outreach to school age children on identifying household hazardous wastes and the principles of "Reduce, Reuse, Recycle." The program provides visual aids, hands on opportunities and imparts awareness as to how individual behavior affects the environment. As of February 2016, 4,871 students have been reached and 15 out of 20 local schools have been visited.
- **Walk Sacramento-Design 4 Active Sacramento** has advanced policies for active design and the built environment that promote the reduction of chronic illness, improved air quality, increased tree canopies, increased physical activity and use of public transit and non-motorized transportation opportunities. The guidelines created by this cross sector health team are now included in Sacramento County's updated zoning code and design guidelines, adopted by the Board of Supervisors in July 2015.

- **The Melting Pot** has gone above and beyond in implementing sustainable and environmentally friendly business practices, including the use of induction warmers, LED lighting, variable speed refrigeration motors and water efficient, low temperature dishwashers.

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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