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PRESS RELEASE

GREATER STOCKTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE RECEIVES STATEWIDE AWARD FOR GREEN TEAM SAN JOAQUIN

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – Stockton, California - The Greater Stockton Chamber of Commerce was honored with the prestigious Golden Arrow Award for Overall Excellence in Product Stewardship by the California Product Stewardship Council during the California Resource Recovery Association's (CRRA) 34th Annual Conference in Sacramento.



Figure 1L-R: Senator Lois Wolk; Green Team San Joaquin Chair, Blain Bibb; Chamber President, Rick Goucher; Chamber Program & Public Policy Director, Frank Ferral; San Joaquin County Supervisor, Leroy Ornellas; Chamber CEO, Doug Wilhoit.

San Joaquin County Supervisor Leroy Ornellas presented [The Greater Stockton Chamber of Commerce](#) with the 2010 Golden Arrow Award for the Chamber's [Green Team San Joaquin](#) project. Green Team San Joaquin is an outstanding example of business leaders playing a defining role in fostering development of green business in their community and helping them save money to improve profitability. This collaborative effort brings together private businesses, City and County government representatives, economic development professionals, educators, students and community members to develop and implement product stewardship and green business practices that reduce waste and create jobs. In addition to being leaders in product stewardship, the Greater Stockton Chamber of Commerce and Green Team San Joaquin are fostering green jobs in the Central Valley, such as Wine Bottle Renew in Stockton, which is creating 25 jobs.

Product stewardship is a strategy to place a shared responsibility for end-of-life product management on the producers, and all entities involved in the product chain, instead of the general public; while encouraging product design changes that minimize a negative impact on human health and the environment at every stage of the product's lifecycle.

“CPSC created the Arrow awards to promote California businesses that are reducing waste, saving money and creating green jobs,” said CPSC executive director, Heidi Sanborn. The inaugural awards program was funded by a grant from the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) to the Del Norte Solid Waste Management Authority.

Award winners and honorable mention recipients were escorted down the “recycled red carpet” by panelists from the Arrow Awards selection committee. The recycled red carpet, which has been used for other award presentations, was donated by Bentley Prince Street, a California carpet manufacturer.

For a complete list of honorees, please go to <http://www.calpsc.org/awards/winners.html> or www.crra.com

CPSC - The California Product Stewardship Council educates both the public and private sectors about Product Stewardship and closely partners with business, jurisdictions, waste and recycling companies, manufacturers and others to promote and encourage sustainable practices and to recognize those companies who are taking a leadership role in participating in waste reduction. For further information please visit www.calpsc.org