

STAFF REPORT

DATE: April 5, 2011
TO: City Council
FROM: Jacques DeBra, Utilities Manager
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SUBJECT: 2011 Environmental Recognition Award (ERA)

Recommendation:

Approve nominations from Natural Resources Commission for 2011 Environmental Award. Awards will be presented at the April 19, 2011 City Council meeting.

Fiscal Impact:

Incidental award costs are included in the FY 10-11 Natural Resources Commission budget.

Background:

The City annually conducts the Environmental Recognition Award program to encourage and recognize efforts in the community that benefit the environment and overall sustainability objectives. Many applications were received for this year's Award program and those applications were electronically conveyed to NRC members two weeks prior to this meeting to allow ample time to review all materials and be prepared to recommend Award winners at the March 28, 2011 NRC meeting.

The commission is recommending the following nominations to the City Council:

- Business Category: **Waste Busters** for their consulting work in helping the Farmers Market move towards Zero Waste.
- Individual Category: **Judy Moores/Lynne Nittler** for their work forming low carbon diet groups throughout the City, and organizing and running the Cool Davis Green Living Festival in 2010.
- Non-Profit Category: **Holmes Jr. High Green Team** for their work in creating environmental awareness through programs and presentations at the school.

The commission received nominations in every category. After deliberation, the commission felt the above recommendations best represented the intent of the Environmental Recognition Awards.