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TOP BUSINESS RECYCLERS RECOGNIZED AT 24th ANNUAL WASTE REDUCTION AND RECYCLING AWARDS

SAN DIEGO, CA— The City of San Diego's Environmental Services Department (ESD) congratulates the winners of the **24th Annual Waste Reduction and Recycling Awards** for the efforts and accomplishments of their businesses and organizations in protecting our environment and conserving natural resources.

"I'm extremely proud of San Diego's business community with their on-going efforts to reduce waste and protect our environment. This year's group of award winners truly exemplifies the high priority these businesses place on diverting waste from the Miramar Landfill. My sincere congratulations to these businesses. I'm looking forward to seeing this award program and the participating businesses continue to grow and prosper," said Environmental Services Director, Mario X. Sierra

The Waste Reduction and Recycling Awards program was held on Thursday, April 21 at the San Diego Central Library. District 3 Councilmember Todd Gloria and ESD Director Mario Sierra were on hand to congratulate the winners and distribute the awards. The event was sponsored by the City's Environmental Services Department and honored 10 local companies and organizations for their successful and innovative waste reduction programs that significantly contribute to diverting waste from area landfills.

The waste diversion programs of these businesses and organizations contributed to the City of San Diego being able to decrease the amount of trash brought into the Miramar Landfill. This decrease, coupled with a recent height increase agreement with the Marine Corp Air Station - Miramar, and two recycling ordinances has resulted in the lifespan of the landfill getting extended from 2012 to at least 2030.

Recycler of the Year Awards are the highest honor for the most comprehensive, innovative and/or improved recycling programs. The awards are presented to those businesses which have demonstrated the most comprehensive, innovative and effective waste diversion programs.

- Cox Communications, Inc.
- Intuit Inc.
- Kyocera Communications, Inc.
- Qualcomm Incorporated
- Ronald McDonald House Charities of San Diego
- San Diego Convention Center Corporation
- San Diego County Regional Airport Authority
- San Diego Zoo Global
- SeaWorld San Diego
- USS Midway Museum

Special thanks to the runners up:

- 1to1 Movement
- Boxed Green
- Continental Maritime of San Diego
- Courtyard by Marriott San Diego Downtown
- Cubic Corporation
- Hewlett Packard - San Diego
- Hilton San Diego Bayfront
- Hotel Indigo San Diego Gaslamp Quarter
- Leidos
- Mission Valley Resort
- Paradise Point Resort
- Quality Assurance International (QAI) - NSF International
- San Diego Marriott Marquis and Marina
- Sheraton San Diego Hotel & Marina
- Snooze an A.M. Eatery
- Ssubi is Hope
- The Lodge at Torrey Pines

For more information about the City's Waste Reduction & Recycling Awards or establishing business recycling programs, please contact ESD's Customer Service at (858) 694-7000, or visit the website at www.recyclingworks.com.

The City of San Diego's Environmental Services Department is charged with refuse collection and disposal, recycling and environmentally sound landfill management to meet the City's long-term disposal needs. The department also oversees the City's management of energy use, and explores innovative options for energy independence and sustainability.

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