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River-Friendly Landscape Coalition Wins Environmental Award

The River-Friendly Landscape Coalition is being recognized as a leader in protecting and enhancing the environment in the greater Sacramento community by the Sacramento Environmental Commission. The coalition consists of multiple government agencies, academic institutions, and non-profits in this region all working together to promote landscaping practices and designs that address multiple environmental issues, such as water, air, energy, and habitat. "Whenever one Coalition member promotes River Friendly Landscaping, all the members benefit from the program's holistic approach and shared message," said Dave Tamayo, Environmental Specialist with the Sacramento County Stormwater Program.

What is River Friendly Landscaping (RFL)

The RFL program is a whole systems approach to the design, construction and maintenance of landscapes to support the integrity of the Sacramento River watershed. There are 7 main principles which are:

1. Landscape Locally
2. Landscape for Less to the Landfill
3. Nurture the Soil
4. Conserve Water
5. Conserve Energy
6. Protect Water & Air Quality
7. Create & Protect Wildlife Habitat

The Sacramento County Stormwater Program has promoted River-Friendly Landscaping (RFL) since 2005 beginning with its publication of the River Friendly Landscape Guidelines, and including free workshops for landscape professionals and home gardeners. Building on the success of these efforts, the county led the formation of the RFL Coalition in 2008, to enhance cooperation and mutual support among its member organizations. The Coalition includes SMUD, EcoLandscape California, Cities of Folsom, Roseville, Sacramento; Association of Professional Landscape Designers, and Regional Water Authority to name a few.

The Sacramento Environmental Commission will present the Leadership Award to the River-Friendly Landscape Coalition on April 20th at 6:30 p.m. at the County Administration Building, 700 H Street. **For more information on the RFL program and for a complete list of coalition members, visit RiverFriendly.org.**

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