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Ron Munds Receives Statewide Excellence Award for Water Resource Efficiency
Utilities Conservation Coordinator Recognized by Peers throughout California

SAN LUIS OBISPO, CA – Ron Munds, Utilities Conservation Coordinator for the City of San Luis Obispo, recently was presented the Statewide Excellence Award 2005 from the California Urban Water Conservation Council.

This past year, Ron served as chairman and facilitator of the AB 2717 Landscape Task Force, convened at the request of the Governor and State Legislature to make recommendations regarding improving the efficiency of water use in California's urban landscapes. The task force included a cross section of members with contrasting viewpoints. Munds' strong leadership skills helped build a consensus of 45 comprehensive recommendations and more than 70 specific actions for improved statewide landscape water efficiency.

These strong leadership qualities are noted in the award, which reads: "Where he promoted dialogue among stakeholders, mediated thorny waters, kept business on schedule, and maintained a Zen-like calmness that was inspiring."

"The award is recognition from state water conservation professionals of the skills Ron has brought to the Landscape Task Force," said John Moss, Utilities Director. "It is richly deserved."

Munds oversees water and energy conservation as well as the solid waste recycling program for the City of San Luis Obispo. Most recently, he is spearheading a new program entitled "CustomerFirst," which promotes excellent customer service within the Utilities Department.

For more information or to schedule an interview, call Ron Munds at 805-781-7215. Visit the Utilities Department Web site: <http://www.slocity.org/utilities/index.asp>.

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