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## State Parks Wins Governor's Environmental Award

SACRAMENTO: Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger announced the winners of the 2003 Governor's Environmental and Economic Leadership Awards and California State Parks was recognized in the Children's Environmental Education category. The awards were presented at the California Environmental Protection Agency (Cal/EPA) Headquarters Building in Sacramento by Cal/EPA Secretary Terry Tamminen and Resources Agency Secretary Mike Chrisman.

State Parks' winning program, "Between a Rock and a Hard Place," is a statewide video-based program in Spanish and English for pre-trip and site visits. The award was presented to State Parks' Interpreter Winter Bonnin, who works at Crystal Cove State Park in Orange County. Bonnin produced the program that is sent to teachers to help them prepare their classes for scheduled field trips to tide pools along the coast of California. As California teachers have become more aware of the magic that tide pools offer their students, there has been a measurable interest in guided field trips throughout the state's rocky intertidal coastline. "Between a Rock and a Hard Place" strives to educate the next generation about the importance of preserving and protecting this living library.

State Parks Director Ruth Coleman and Crystal Cove State Park Interpreter Winter Bonnin accepted the award. Governor Schwarzenegger was present to offer congratulations.

Established in 1993, the Governor's Environmental and Economic Leadership Awards are California's highest and most prestigious environmental honor recognizing individuals, organizations, and businesses that have demonstrated exceptional leadership in building public-private partnerships while making notable contributions in conserving California's environment. Recipients are chosen from throughout California for promoting excellence in compatible, sustainable economic development while protecting the environment and conserving natural resources. This year's awards recognize outstanding contributions by 24 businesses, organizations and government offices in seven award categories.

For additional information: <http://www.calepa.ca.gov/Awards/GEELA/>

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