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Stone Brewing Co. Taps Sustainability Award

Vice Chairwoman Slater-Price to Present Honor at E.A.R.T.H. Awards

SAN DIEGO ---- Stone Brewing Co. doesn't make weak beer. In fact, they're known for quite the opposite; perhaps strong enough to save the planet – or at least, one little corner of it.

This week, the Escondido brewery will be honored at the 19th Annual V.I.P. Reception and E.A.R.T.H. Awards with the **“Pam Slater-Price 2009 Sustainability Award”** for incorporating solar power, sustainable design, and energy and water conservation into its business.

The reception begins at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, May 6 at the City of San Diego Department of Environmental Services “Green Building,” 9601 Ridgehaven Court. Info: www.EarthDayWeb.org.

“While Stone Brewing may be famous for being one of the world’s top-rated breweries, its beer also boasts some refreshing ‘green’ qualities,” Slater-Price said. “Stone exemplifies sustainable design and business practices. Hopefully, such visionary steps will usher in the eco-generation of business.”

In 2008, Stone Brewing Co. unveiled two major projects that reduced the brewery’s environmental impact: a 1,561-panel solar system and an on-site wastewater treatment facility.

The \$3.2 million rooftop solar system provides approximately 40 percent of the facility’s total electrical power. And with that amount of clean energy, it could offset more than 583,000 pounds of carbon emissions over its lifetime or the equivalent of planting 200 acres of trees.

The \$850,000 on-site wastewater treatment facility eliminated the need to truck 40,000 gallons of wastewater to San Diego each month. Plus, it will cut out 25,000 gallons of daily wastewater from the Escondido municipal wastewater treatment plant system. Stone also hopes to secure permits to use filtered recycled water for landscape irrigation.

“Green” practices don’t just happen behind the scenes. The Stone Brewing World Bistro & Gardens is the largest restaurant purchaser of local, small farm organically-grown produce in the County, and selects only quality artisan cheeses, breads, and 100 percent naturally-raised meats. It’s also completely high-fructose corn syrup free.

“We’re excited and honored to be selected for the 2009 Sustainability Award,” said Stone Brewing CEO Greg Koch. “Our sustainable design, the treatment system, together with other conservation initiatives at our brewery and restaurant, recognizes our responsibility to our community by minimizing our impact on the environment.”

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