



Sierra Nevada Brewing Co. Receives State's Top Environmental Honor for Sustainable Practices – Waste Reduction & Recycling

CHICO—During a ceremony held November 22, 2005 in Sacramento, **Sierra Nevada Brewing Co.** was recognized by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger as one of California's best business waste cutters for its ongoing program of recycling, resource conservation, and innovative waste reduction efforts.

In a press release issued by his office, Governor Schwarzenegger said, "Californians take very seriously their commitment to preserving the beauty and health of the state we call home. I commend this year's Environmental and Economic Leadership Award recipients for their efforts in making California's air, land, and water cleaner and safer."

The "Governor's Environmental and Economic Leadership Awards" recognize Californians, California-based organizations and businesses that demonstrate outstanding environmental leadership by voluntarily working to conserve precious resources or improve the environment.

States Ken Grossman, President, Owner, and Founder of the brewery, "Receiving the Governor's Award for our sustainability practices is extremely gratifying. We consider resourcefulness a philosophy and work hard at integrating environmental values into management decisions and practices. We are honored by this recognition."

Founded in Chico in 1980, **Sierra Nevada Brewing Co.** (SNBC) is the tenth largest brewery in the United States and produces ales and lagers of the highest quality. In March 2005, SNBC installed four 250-kilowatt fuel cell power units to supply electric power and heat to the brewery's production processes—one of the largest commercial fuel cell projects in the United States. In November 2005, the brewery installed a CO₂ gas recovery plant to recover, clean, compress, liquefy, and place the gas into its 50-ton CO₂ storage vessel for reuse. SNBC also installed a \$3 million wastewater treatment plant on site. Additionally, the company has reduced landfill and liquid discharges by recycling: 35.5 million pounds of grain; 512,000 pounds of hops; 11,025,000 pounds of yeast; and 800,000 pounds of glass, cardboard, office paper, and other materials. For more information, please visit www.sierranevada.com or call (530) 893-3520.

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