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NEWS

Coast Trustees Accept Award for Environmental Excellence

Irvine, Cal. – At an awards ceremony last night, Coast Community College District trustees accepted the 2012 Award for Environmental Excellence from the Orange County League of Conservation Voters.

Board President Jim Moreno and Board Clerk Lorraine Prinsky were on hand at the ceremony to receive the award presented for their leadership in promoting environmentally responsible building practices at the Coastline Newport Learning Center, currently under construction.

“On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I am proud to accept this award,” said Board President Jim Moreno. Moreno spoke of the district’s commitment to “green” building practices, saying “we have supported environmentally sound building practices for many, many years.” He went on to say that, “the Coast Community College District is an important resource for the community – preparing local residents for better jobs and contributing to our quality of life. We are grateful for this recognition and will continue to work hard to ensure that our facilities and practices are “green” now and for the generations of students to come.”

Trustee Lorraine Prinsky stated that “we at Coast have invested in green buildings because it is consistent with our values –we teach our students to be environmentally aware and we want to model this behavior with our actions.” Prinsky further commented that being environmentally aware was “the right thing to do.”

Coastline's Newport Learning Center is located in Newport Beach and is currently under construction. The facility is being built to *Platinum-LEED Certification* standards, incorporating the following "green" features:

- Native plants and a rooftop garden
- Drought-tolerant landscaping
- Irrigation via reclaimed water
- Use of natural light and ventilation

The Orange County League of Conservation Voters recognizes environmental excellence at their Annual Awards Dinner. The League's purpose is to bring awareness to environmental issues and policies and to raise funds for local candidates that support environmental protection and conservation of our natural resources.

For more information about the Coast Community College District or the Coastline Newport Learning Center, please contact the District at 714-438-4605 or via email at info@cccd.edu.

For information about the Orange County League of Conservation Voters, please contact Kathleen Shanfield at kshanfield@aol.com.

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The Coast Community College District is comprised of Coastline Community College headquartered in Fountain Valley, Golden West College in Huntington Beach and Orange Coast College in Costa Mesa.