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*San Diego Earth Works recognizes programs supporting a healthy, prosperous and  
sustainable future*

San Diego, CA – The Barona Band of Mission Indians announced today that it has been awarded a 2006 Environmental Achievement Earth Award by San Diego Earth Works.

"The San Diego EARTH Awards are a great opportunity to recognize businesses such as the Barona Band of Mission Indians for their water recycling program and conservation efforts," said San Diego City Councilmember Donna Frye and EARTH Awards presenter. "The tribe's water resources management plan is impressive and shows a commitment to environmental best practices," said Frye.

The Environmental Achievement Earth Award recognizes businesses, clubs, organizations and/or individuals that work on behalf of a clean, healthy environment. The competition provides the public with the opportunity to acknowledge entities implementing environmentally responsible operations and conservation efforts throughout the region.

The Barona Band of Mission Indians was recognized for implementing an innovative and extensive conservation program. This program focuses on key strategies including water conservation, resource management and careful use of renewable and sustainable materials in all areas including lighting, heating and ventilation.

"It is truly an honor to receive this award from San Diego Earth Works," said Rhonda Welch-Scalco, Chairwoman of the Barona Band of Mission Indians. "Our tribe has an historic legacy of protecting and living in harmony with nature and the environment," she said. "As an industry leader in all areas of the business, the Barona Band of Mission Indians has been pro-active in developing and implementing a comprehensive water resource management plan," she said.

The Barona Band of Mission Indians has lived in Southern California for over 5,000 years and the Barona Indian Reservation since 1932. The Tribe was once a semi-nomadic band that traveled across Southern California in tune with the seasons and what nature provided. It is now a sovereign government operating Barona Valley Ranch Resort & Casino, San Diego's premier luxury resort and casino.