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## **AG CONTAINER RECYCLING COUNCIL RECEIVES STATEWIDE RECOGNITION FOR ACHIEVEMENTS IN PRODUCT STEWARDSHIP**

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**Sacramento, CA – August 8, 2011.** The Ag Container Recycling Council was one of four California companies honored by the California Product Stewardship Council (CPSC) during the organization's Arrow Awards ceremony held in San Diego at the California Resource Recovery Association's 35<sup>th</sup> annual conference. The Arrow Awards were created by CPSC with a grant from the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) given to the Del Norte Solid Waste Management Authority.

Ag Container Recycling Council (ACRC) was honored for their coalition building with a Bow & Arrow award. The recycling program is run by Interstate Ag Plastic, based in Buttonwillow, Calif. The oldest, continually running, voluntary, industry-funded, product-stewardship program in the nation, ACRC members formulate, produce, package and distribute crop protection and other pesticide products. Their efforts in California have led to 20,000,000 lbs. of containers recycled, 45,000 gallons of gasoline saved as well as 100,000 cubic yards of landfill space saved. The reductions create fewer potential hazards to public health and the environment. Their pro-active role in the stewardship of products through the entire supply chain makes them a model for other industries to follow. For more information, visit [www.acrecycle.org](http://www.acrecycle.org).

Opportunity Green, Savory and Sweet Catering and the US Air Conditioning Distributors also received state wide recognition for overall excellence in product stewardship, system design and innovation, and product take-back.

"We are so pleased to spotlight the contributions of these businesses and organizations that are truly product-stewardship stars in California," said Heidi Sanborn, Executive Director of the California Production Stewardship Council.

Honorees were escorted down a recycled red carpet, donated by Bentley Prince Street, a California carpet manufacturer.

For a complete list of honorees, please go to [www.calpsc.org/awards/2011-winners.html](http://www.calpsc.org/awards/2011-winners.html).

CPSC educates both the public and private sectors about product stewardship and closely partners with businesses, jurisdictions, waste and recycling companies, manufacturers and others to promote and encourage sustainable practices. Through its annual Arrow Awards, the nonprofit recognizes companies that are taking a leadership role in waste reduction.

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