

EPA to honor Nevada, Western environmental hero

Coyote Springs development project chosen for environmentally sensitive planning

SAN FRANCISCO _ During the agency's eighth annual Environmental Awards Ceremony in San Francisco tomorrow, U.S. EPA Regional Administrator Wayne Nastri will present a plaque to a Nevada organization in recognition of its efforts to protect and preserve the environment in 2005.

"This organization has applied creativity, teamwork and leadership in addressing some of Nevada's most sensitive and complex environmental challenges," Nastri said. "Thanks to Coyote Springs' efforts, our air, water and land will be cleaner and safer for generations to come."

The EPA Region 9 Environmental Awards program acknowledges commitment and significant contributions to the environment in California, Arizona, Nevada, Hawaii, Pacific Islands and tribal lands. Thirty nine groups and individuals were selected from more than 160 nominees received this year from businesses, media, local, state and federal government officials, tribes, environmental organizations and citizen activists.

This year's other winners include: Willie Nelson, who is being honored for opening the first biodiesel station in California; Patagonia, for 30 years of forward thinking environmental programs at its headquarters in Ventura, Calif.; and an innovative dust outreach campaign in Arizona that has raised public awareness of a serious local air pollution problem.

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Coyote Springs Investment LLC is committed to preserving aquatic resources in the proposed Coyote Springs Development Project in northern Clark County, Nevada, which includes commercial, residential and recreational components. At every step of the way, Coyote Springs Investment has listened to concerns from the EPA and other federal agencies over the potential environmental impacts of their proposed development. In the spirit of responsible corporate partnership, Coyote Springs International made environmentally sensitive improvements to their project plans, including establishing the "Pahranagat Wash Conservation Corridor" protecting the main stem of the Wash that flows north to south through the entire development site. Coyote Springs International stands as a model for environmentally sensitive development in the arid West.