

RIVER PARTNERS *Highlights*

River Partners Awarded State Environmental Award

The 2004 Governor's Environmental and Economic Leadership Award was presented to River Partners at a ceremony December 1, 2004. State officials honored River Partners for their innovative and effective strategies to restore, enhance, and improve California's watersheds, while promoting sustainable economic progress.

"Recipients of this award have shown a deep commitment to balancing environmental preservation and protection with the need to keep California's economy growing. I commend them for their efforts," Governor Schwarzenegger said to the press.



The honor recognized River Partners as the "leading experts in riparian habitat restoration in the state of California", commending our pioneered agricultural practices and our unique cooperative approach in merging private, public and nonprofit efforts to achieve both environmental and economic ends.

Additionally, the State praised our success in planting 2,500 acres (over 510,000 riparian trees) on five different rivers in California, as well as, hiring and training local residents and farm laborers; involvement that has directly improved incomes in local communities.

"This award symbolizes our organization's unwavering commitment to serve our communities, protect the environment and economic viability. We pride ourselves on setting the standards in our field. River Partners success is only possible because of the dedication and commitment of our team and that of our valued partners locally and regionally. Those efforts and results are the true measure of our success, the award is just a thoughtful reflection." John Carlon, President, River PartnersΩ

"Our goal is to balance the basic requirements of wildlife populations with the economic and recreational needs of the local communities," said John Carlon, president of River Partners.