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“MENLO PARK ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY AWARDS PRESENTED”



Pacific Bio Sciences (represented by Ben Gong, Paul Intrieri, Deb Martin, and Jason Quintana) received an Environmental Quality Award for outstanding efforts in the category of Resource Conservation.

Menlo Park, CA – The City of Menlo Park Environmental Quality Commission presented five awards at the City Council meeting on April 16, 2013 for outstanding efforts in – Climate Action, Education, Resource Conservation and Sustainable Building. Environmental Quality Awards are presented annually for people, projects, efforts or property designs that contribute to environmental quality improvement in Menlo Park.

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Ahmad Sheikholeslami, pictured with Environmental Quality Commissioners Mitch Slomiak (left) and Scott Marshall (right), received an award on behalf of Hillview Middle School for their amazing work in the category of Sustainable Building.

The 2013 Environmental Quality Award winners were:

Facebook for their efforts to reduce water consumption, energy use, and waste, and their outstanding efforts in using or promoting alternative commute options to their employees through shuttles, vanpools, and bicycling that over 40% of their employees use to get to work.

Menlo Business Park for their efforts in completing a substantial energy efficiency retrofit that will reduce over one million pounds of greenhouse gas emissions associated with electricity consumption every year, and save over \$300,000 in annual operating costs. This is the equivalent of removing about 200 cars from the road annually.

Carolyn Dorsch for her remarkable dedication in educating the community about the benefits of backyard composting.

Pacific Biosciences for their waste minimization initiatives that have diverted 66% of waste from being landfilled through implementation of recycling and compost programs.

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Hillview Middle School for reducing its energy and carbon footprint by designing and building a new energy efficient school and installing solar panels that produce clean energy that will save the school \$85,000 in annual operating costs.

The EQ awards offer a great opportunity for the City to recognize individuals and groups who are working to protect the environment. Awards can be given to anyone, such as, teachers, journalists, citizen activists, young people, organizations, business representatives, public officials, and others committed to improving environmental quality in Menlo Park. We look forward to the next group of winners for the 2014 EQ Awards next year!

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