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## Special Recognition to these Sustainable Businesses!

### Congratulations to Mechanics Bank!

Mechanics Bank has gone the extra mile in trying to get all of their branches certified under the Sacramento Sustainable Business Program. SSB has given the bank an opportunity to share with its customers and others in the community how a business can make a difference by applying some common-sense practices at a local level; things that do in fact conserve energy and other resources.

Amy Mathews, Vice President and Area Manager explained that the sustainable-business practices being implemented at the bank have become habit-forming and are catching on at employees' homes, too. She said that, "At the onset, we wondered if the process would be a little daunting; but the checklist and other instructions were great." [www.mechbank.com](http://www.mechbank.com)

### Congratulations to IKEA!

IKEA (West Sacramento) has proven to go above and beyond in meeting the requirements to qualify as a Sacramento Sustainable Business through facility, maintenance, and practice changes. IKEA's "co-workers" expressed a true concern to be as sustainable and environmentally conscious as possible.

IKEA incorporates environmentally and socially responsible efforts into day-to-day business, and continually supports initiatives that benefit causes such as children and the environment. Visit [www.ikea.com](http://www.ikea.com).

## Annual Sustainable Business Awards & Pollution Prevention EXPO

Mark your calendar for the annual Sustainable Business Awards & P2 EXPO on September 18 at the Sacramento Municipal Utility District headquarters. Join us in honoring the top sustainable businesses, attend workshops, and visit the exposition displays.

For questions or comments please contact the Sacramento Sustainable Business Quarterly Editor, Jennifer Wohlfrom

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## Congratulations to these new certified Sacramento Sustainable Businesses:

- American Home Sales—Auburn
- Bo Tree—Davis
- Consumnes River Preserve—Galt
- Dos Coyotes—N. Davis
- Glumac—Sacramento
- Meridian Pacific Inc. -Sacramento
- Nature Conservancy—Sacramento
- River City Car Wash—West Sacramento
- Sierra Pacific Solar—Rancho Cordova
- Solarecity Electric—Rocklin

## Welcome to our new partners!

The "Regional Water Authority" ([www.rwah2o.org](http://www.rwah2o.org)) and the "Water Forum" ([waterforum.org](http://waterforum.org)) have signed on as sponsors of the SSB. Their member agencies will be conducting free water use audits as part of the "Water Conservation" certification process. We are grateful for their support.

*Duane O'Donnell*  
SSB Program Coordinator

## SSB Zero Waste Recycling Tip...

### California Take-It-Back Partnership

The California Take-It-Back Partnership is a collaboration between government and business to provide convenient locations for consumers to dispose of everyday items banned from the trash such as used batteries, fluorescent lamps, and electronic devices.



To know where to go to drop off banned items please visit [Earth 911.org](http://Earth911.org) on the internet, or call the Environmental Recycling Telephone Hotline, 1-800-CLEANUP

## The Sacramento Regional Recycling Market Development Zone (RMDZ)

program combines recycling with economic development to fuel new businesses, expand existing ones, create jobs, and divert waste from landfills.



The RMDZ provides attractive 5% loans up to \$2,000,000, technical assistance, and free product marketing to businesses in the zone that use materials from a waste stream to manufacture their products. In addition to loans, there is free product marketing through the **RecycleStore.com** website.

The Sacramento Zone is a partnership between the State of California Integrated Waste Management Board (CIWMB), the Business Environmental Resource Center (BERC), and the cities of, Citrus Heights, Elk Grove, Folsom, Galt, Isleton, Rancho Cordova, Sacramento, and the City of West Sacramento's Enterprise Zone in Yolo County.

Call BERC at 916-649-0225 for more info or visit **SacramentoRMDZ.org**

## Sacramento Sustainable Business Program FAQ...

The Sacramento Sustainable Business Program promotes businesses, organizations, and governments in the Sacramento River Watershed that adopt environmentally friendly practices and implement measures to:

- Conserve Energy
- Conserve Water
- Reduce Waste & Pollution
- Recycle and Use Recycled Products
- Implement "Green Building" Measures

The SSB is operated by the Business Environmental Resource Center (BERC) and is sponsored by the Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District, the Water Forum, the Sacramento Municipal Utility District, and the Regional Water Authority.

## The Sacramento Sustainable Business Program is Sponsored by...



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## Sustainable Foods in Sacramento

### UNITED NATURAL FOODS

United Natural Foods, Inc (UNFI) is located in Rocklin and is a full line natural products distributor offering wholesale service to all classes of trade, including natural food stores, supermarkets, food service accounts and buying clubs throughout the US. United Natural Foods, Inc., is the first distribution company in the US to be fully certified as a handler of organic products. They serve both metropolitan and rural markets with a large fleet of tractor-trailers to bring their customers the best available quality and variety of products with exceptional attention to service and support. Their products, business practices, employee programs, and customer support are all part of a long-standing commitment to their core values which are reverence for the land, sustainable communities, and environmental stewardship. Visit [www.unfi.com](http://www.unfi.com)

### KIKKOMAN FOODS, INC

Kikkoman Foods, Inc. is a food manufacturing company located in Folsom and they manufacture and distribute naturally brewed soy sauce. The Company is committed to maintaining a clean, healthy environment and believe it is an important part of their business. Kikkoman is ISO:14001 certified and continuously works on the reduction of natural resources such as gas, electricity, and water used at the facility. They have also instituted recycling programs in the following areas: general paper, cardboard, plastic, pallets, glass, aluminum cans, soy cake, soy oil, batteries, fluorescent lights, batteries, and wheat chaff. Kikkoman is a Silver Star SSB. Visit [www.kikkomanusa.com](http://www.kikkomanusa.com).

## What's going on...

### SSB Workshop at the International Airport:

On February 18, the SSB conducted a workshop at the Sacramento International Airport for businesses to learn more about the program and how to perform more environmentally friendly business practices. Our goal is to educate businesses in the area about the program and how to become involved in getting certified through SSB. At these workshops we sit down with businesses and work them through the process. Stay tuned for more information on the next work shop.

## 62 and growing fast!

62 businesses, non-profits and government agencies have been "Certified Sustainable" during the past 15 months, since the start of the Sacramento Sustainable Business program in January 2007. There are currently over 50 applicants in the certification process who are implementing environmentally friendly practices.