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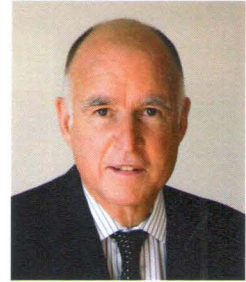
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It is a pleasure to welcome you as we honor the recipients of the 2016 Governor's Environmental and Economic Leadership Awards.


The individuals, organizations, and businesses gathered here today have demonstrated exceptional leadership and made notable contributions in conserving California's precious resources, protecting and enhancing our environment, while simultaneously strengthening the state's economy.




With all that California has to offer, we've seen how vital our environment is to the success of our economy. Through your hard work, you have demonstrated that environmental protection and economic growth can and should go hand in hand, and I commend your dedication.

On behalf of the state of California, I extend my congratulations and best wishes for every future success.

Sincerely,


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.





"We are thrilled to be recognized for our Waste Not program. We're eliminating plastic and food waste, reducing vehicle miles and using food that is healthy and produced in the least environmentally damaging manner. Epicurean Group has been an environmentally sustainable company since day one. We live our principles each and every day by 'changing one environment at a time.'"

– Mary Clark Bartlett
CEO and Founder

GEELA Category: Waste Reduction

Epicurean Group

Waste Not: Waste Reduction in Food Service Management

Eating healthy can be delicious and can help the environment too!

Epicurean Group is a woman- and minority-owned sustainable food-service management company. While it is based in Los Altos in Santa Clara County, it has more than 50 facilities in California. The Waste Not program was launched in 2003 and includes waste management, recycling, food and materials composting and a company-wide goal of zero food waste. In 2010, CEO Mary Clark Bartlett established the GreenTown Co-op, which supplies compostable take-out containers to more than 60 restaurants, cafés and schools from Napa to Monterey. The program has resulted in more than 125,000 pounds of waste diverted from landfills annually. In addition, Epicurean Group purchases local, in-season fruit and vegetables and serves grass-fed beef all in an effort to reduce its carbon footprint and support local communities