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## Earth Day Environmental Stewardship Prizes

*Elisa Moberly, Catholic Charities Environmental Justice Committee, Stockton  
Santa Lucia Chapter, Sierra Club, San Luis Obispo*

*Oakland:* The **Rose Foundation for Communities and the Environment** today announced the winners of the **2013 Anthony Grassroots Prize**, an annual award announced during the week of Earth Day recognizing an outstanding example of grassroots environmental stewardship.

**Individual Stewardship:** The 2013 Anthony Grassroots Prize for Individual Stewardship was awarded to Elisa Moberly of Stockton. Ms. Moberly was selected by the prize jury in recognition of her leadership with the Environmental Justice Committee for Catholic Charities, Diocese of Stockton. She works with schools and local parishes throughout the Stockton area to help them organize and promote e-waste recycling events, which raise needed funds for local community projects and support local recycling businesses that provide environmentally sound recycling of the toxic components in end-of-life TVs, computers and other electronic equipment, while keeping hazardous wastes out of the municipal trash stream. \$1,000 will be donated to Catholic Charities in Ms. Moberly's honor to support the Environmental Justice Committee.

**Organizational Stewardship:** The 2013 Anthony Grassroots Prize for Organizational Stewardship was awarded to the Santa Lucia Chapter of the Sierra Club for their leadership in working to bring Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) to the Central Coast. CCA empowers local communities to replace fossil fuel-generated electricity with clean renewable power, and incentivizes energy efficiency programs. "We want to recognize the Santa Lucia Chapter's leadership in protecting the vulnerable ecosystems of California's Central Coast," Juliette Anthony said. "We encourage them to continue to rally community opposition to fracking, and to promote locally-generated energy such as rooftop solar." The Santa Lucia Chapter will receive \$500, <http://santalucia.sierraclub.org>.

The **Anthony Grassroots Prize** was endowed by Juliette Anthony, a lifelong environmental activist who has received wide recognition for her work in protecting the Santa Monica Mountains, banning the toxic gasoline additive MTBE, promoting solar power and publicizing the negative environmental impacts of ethanol.

The **Rose Foundation for Communities and the Environment** supports community-based initiatives to protect the environment and public health. Rose's focus includes grassroots activism, watershed protection, environmental justice and consumer rights. Rose also administers New Voices Are Rising, a youth leadership development/environmental justice training program.