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Teamwork Earns Recognition for OSA General Manager

San Jose, CA October 4, 2006 – On September 28, 2006, Patrick Congdon, General Manager of the Santa Clara County Open Space Authority, was presented with the State of California, Department of Fish & Game's highest recognition, the Director's Achievement Award.

The commendation, presented by Lt. John Nores and Warden Chad Alexander, acknowledged Congdon's invaluable assistance in all areas of resource protection and his ability to create and maintain effective partnerships with other public agencies.

"It takes two to tango and success lies in just how well you and your partner prepare for that big event," Congdon said. "I attribute my success to the fine working relationship the Authority has developed with California Department of Fish and Game. What an honor."

Some of the highlights of Congdon's efforts cited by California Department of Fish and Game Director Ryan Broddrick, include:

- Organizing the county's first environmental cleanup of marijuana cultivation sites
- Providing property for allied agency training programs
- Providing resources to assist the enforcement division's efforts

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(left to right) Lt. John Nores, California Fish & Game; General Manager Patrick Congdon, Open Space Authority; Warden Chad Alexander, California Fish & Game.

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The Santa Clara County Open Space Authority (OSA) is an independent special district created in 1993 to help preserve, protect and manage urban and non-urban open space in the areas of Campbell, Milpitas, Morgan Hill, San Jose, and southern Santa Clara County. The OSA has preserved over 11,150 acres of land and manages over 375 acres of conservation easements.

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