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**STATE SCHOLARSHIPS HELP TEACHERS TAKE OCEAN LESSONS TO THE CLASSROOM**

**LONG BEACH**—As experts and environmentalists from around the world devise ways to save California’s ocean, almost three dozen teachers are picking up real world lesson plans thanks to an innovative scholarship program.

The fourth California and the World Ocean conference was held in Long Beach September 2006, with 1,000 attendees from California and around the world. Topics as varied as sea otters, detecting pollution quickly and building suburbs so they don’t add to water pollution were examined by world-class experts.

Classes of another kind, kindergarten to 12<sup>th</sup> grade, were represented by more than 30 teachers who were participating and will teach their students versions of some lessons learned. They will also bring to their classes a renewed appreciation of the economic and ecological value the ocean has for the state. The teachers’ participation was made possible by scholarships paid for by the State Water Board. They were awarded by Cal/EPA, the state’s Environmental Protection Agency.

Water Board chair Tam M. Doduc observed, “This is a long-term investment. Environmental protection isn’t just a lifetime commitment; it demands that the message and the passion to protect our world be transmitted into the future. What better way is there to help the next generation understand the job ahead than aiding teachers acquire first hand knowledge?”

The \$20,000 program paid for the teacher’s conference registration, travel, and living expenses. It also compensated their school districts for the cost of substitutes. The teachers came to Long Beach from 12 counties and represent charter schools, public schools, and parochial schools.

A complete list of scholarship recipients is below:

Name	County	District	School
Melissa tenBerge	Orange	Ocean View	Golden View
Tanya Liebmudrov	San Diego	Del Mar Union	Torrey Hills

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Name	County	District	School
Paula Delgado	San Diego	Grossmont Union	Monte Vista HS
Zamaria Rocio	San Diego	San Diego City	Horace Mann MS
Debra Byrd	San Diego	Grossmont Union	Helix Charter HS
Will Jacoway	San Diego	Grossmont Union	Helix Charter HS
Linda Hauck	San Diego	San Dieguito Union HS	San Dieguito Acad HS
Derrick Lavoie	San Luis Obispo	Cuesta College	Cuesta College
Sandy Carter	LA	Santa Monica	Point Dume
Holiday Woodward	LA	GUSD	Valley View Elem
Alice Nishimoto	LA	Garvey	Rice Elem
Dianne Swanson	LA	Long Beach	Los Cerritos Elem
Laura Romo	LA	Long Beach	Cesar Chavez
Jennifer Branda	LA	LAUSD	Vena Ave Elem
Theressa Sams	LA	LAUSD	Clay MS
Vicki Arnold	LA	LAUSD	Reseda High Magnet
Jenni Taylor	LA	Lawndale	ECHS
Tiffany Lewis	Orange	Newport-Mesa	Newport Elem
William Brooks	Orange	Irvine	Eastshore Elem
Helen Smith	Orange	Capistrano	
Maureen Angle	Orange	Santa Ana	Seegerstrom HS
Steven Doucette	Orange	Garden Grove	Pacifica HS
Megan Donnelly Gray	Orange	Capistrano	Tesoro HS
Julie Humphrey	San Diego	Cardiff	Ada Harris Elem
Kevin Flint	Ventura	Oxnard	Oxnard HS
Shannon Klemann	Ventura	Oxnard	Channel Islands
Cori Belew	Alameda	Aspire Public Schools	Monarch Academy
Robin Davis	Santa Cruz	Scotts Valley USD	Scotts Valley MS
Michael Cunningham	Santa Cruz	Pajaro Valley USD	Hall MS
Susan Boshoven	San Francisco	SFUSD	Mission HS
Kathryn Tate	San Francisco	Private School	Drew College Prep
Rick Carreiro	Santa Clara	San Jose USD	San Jose HS
Brian Granbery	Monterey	Carmel USD	Carmel HS
Sheila Gamble-Dorn	San Mateo	Pacifica	Ocean Shore

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