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SEAN SULLIVAN WINS SIERRA CLUB JOSEPH BARBOSA AWARD

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif. – Sean Sullivan of Tucson, Ariz., has won the Sierra Club’s 2009 Joseph Barbosa Award. This award recognizes a Sierra Club member under the age of 30 who has demonstrated a record of service to the environment. The award will be presented Sept. 26th at the Sierra Club’s Honor and Awards Banquet in San Francisco. The award includes a \$250 prize that will be used to further Sullivan’s work.

Sullivan has been a Sierra Club volunteer since 2005 and has worked diligently to protect the natural environment and promote sustainability in the United States/Mexico border region. In areas and situations that were identified as unsustainable, Sullivan worked with local community groups, activists and legislators to address environmental and community needs and how to meet those needs by passing legislation at the city, state and national levels. Sullivan was a participant in a Pima County Committee to develop a regional water policy and system. He advocated for water conservation methods that include water harvesting, grey water systems and holding commercial development accountable for their landscape water usage, which is of the utmost importance in the Southwest.

Sullivan developed a proposal to hire a Sierra Club staff member who would focus his/her work on the environmental protection of federal lands on the U.S./Mexican border with the initial goal of repealing Section 102 of the REAL ID ACT, whose existence supersedes the protections laid out in more than 30 federal environmental laws. Sullivan also initiated the establishment of a Sierra Club Group, Chapter and National Border Campaign and currently serves as the chair of the National Border Committee.

Sullivan frequently gives lectures on environmental issues to community groups, schools and university classes. He has served the Sierra Club Rincon Group as chair, co-chair, treasurer and Executive Committee board member.

Sullivan recently relocated to Mississippi.

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