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DR. EMILY YOUNG AWARDED THE 2011 NICHOLAS P. BOLLMAN AWARD *Award Recognizes Smart Growth Leaders Who Inspire through Values and Actions*

San Diego, CA (March 15, 2011) – The San Diego Foundation (www.sdfoundation.org) has announced that The [Funders' Network for Smart Growth and Livable Communities](#) has awarded Dr. Emily Young, The Foundation's Senior Director, Environmental Analysis and Strategy, the 2011 Nicholas P. Bollman Award. Established in 2008, this national award recognizes leaders who share the commitment that Bollman embodied to improving conditions for future generations, without expectation of reward.

Dr. Young has earned outstanding community recognition through her efforts to provide donors with extensive information concerning the region's environmental needs and opportunities. She manages The Foundation's environmental grants, and works with the Environment Working Group to adapt and implement the Environment Program. Before she joined The San Diego Foundation, Dr. Young spent five years as Assistant Professor at the University of Arizona's Department of Geography and Regional Development. She has also conducted extensive research on marine fisheries and wildlife protection, community-based conservation, and sustainable development in coastal marine areas of Baja California.

“Emily has played a key role in establishing The San Diego Foundation’s Environment program as a model for the community,” said Bob Kelly, president and CEO of The San Diego Foundation. “We are particularly proud of her ability to convene nonprofit organizations, business leaders and government agencies to drive the work of the Climate Initiative and the Environmental Working Group.”

Through Dr. Young and the Environmental Working Group efforts, the Environment Program has granted more than \$7 million to environmental organizations and programs in San Diego, has leveraged \$156 million in private and public funding, and has added 28,000 acres of conserved land and engaged more than 2,200 residents and more than 20,000 new volunteers in environmental stewardship.

Young’s tireless efforts have played a vital role in strengthening our capacity to influence development of our region’s Sustainable Communities Strategy, as well as providing critical funding for nonprofit organizations working to ensure that SB375 and related public policies are implemented in a way that avoids additional sprawl, reduces vehicle miles travelled, and enhances regional ecosystem resilience to climate change. To date, The Foundation has invested more than \$1.3 million to address climate change in our region and to support research on regional emissions and climate change impacts.

“Emily’s understanding of natural systems, her intellectual integrity and collaborative leadership style have made her one of the most important environmentalists in our region,” said Scott Peters, chair of the Climate Initiative.

Highlights of Climate Initiative results to date include the following.

§ Publishing the groundbreaking ***Regional Focus 2050 Study***, California’s first regional assessment of climate change impacts, as well as follow-up research to map critical habitat conservation corridors and risks from sea level rise to wetlands and infrastructure along San Diego’s coastline, as well as risks to our regional water supplies.

§ Funding and convening environmental, transportation, public health, and social equity organizations working to build climate-friendly communities and public policies that promote transit-oriented development and enhance regional ecosystem resilience to

climate change. These groups have been instrumental in securing a higher than expected GHG reduction target for the San Diego region's first SCS.

§ Facilitating a forum amongst executives from our region's eight largest local governments and public agencies to help advance regional approaches to climate mitigation and adaptation.

§ Supporting innovative regional approaches to climate resilience and mitigation through a multi-year partnership with ICLEI-Local Governments for Sustainability, which has already resulted in completion of ten municipal GHG inventories (with another eight to be completed this spring), as well as development of a San Diego Bay Adaptation Strategy in partnership with major public and private stakeholders around San Diego Bay.

§ Partnering with six organizations to successfully secure an almost \$1 million grant from the National Science Foundation to increase climate science literacy and awareness in the San Diego region.

The award was presented to Dr. Young on March 22 at the 12th Annual Funders' Network Conference in Detroit, Michigan.

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About The San Diego Foundation

Founded in 1975, The San Diego Foundation's purpose is to promote and increase effective and responsible charitable giving. The Foundation manages more than \$500 million in assets, almost half of which reside in permanent endowment funds that extend the impact of today's gifts to future generations. Since its inception, The Foundation has granted more than \$700 million to the San Diego region's nonprofit community. For additional information, please visit The San Diego Foundation at www.sdfoundation.org.

The Foundation's Climate Initiative

The San Diego Foundation's Climate Initiative is advancing our region's leadership in setting goals to reduce greenhouse gas emissions while decreasing our vulnerability to wildfires, diminishing water supplies, coastal flooding, threats to human health from poor air quality, and other impacts on our quality of life. With generous support from Bank of America, Qualcomm, and numerous individual donors, The Foundation is making investments in the community to strengthen the economy with more energy-efficient technology, infrastructure, and high-quality jobs, increase public awareness and support for local action to protect our region's clean air, water, and spectacular natural beauty for all generations.

About the Nicholas P. Bollman Award

The Nicholas P. Bollman Award honors the memory of longtime friend and Funders' Network co-founder, Nick Bollman, who died in 2007. The values that guided Nick's life and his work, and his influence on others, personify the values and hopes of the Funders' Network and continue to provide inspiration. Nick was a beacon of hope for all people who believe strongly in their obligation to improve conditions for future generations without hesitation or expectation of reward. We are proud to recognize leaders in the field who continue Nick's legacy of advancing thoughtful and progressive solutions to a variety of contemporary problems.