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Yolo DA Enforcement Officer D'Agostino Named Investigator of the Year

(Woodland, CA) – April 22, 2011 – Yolo County District Attorney Jeff Reisig announced today that District Attorney Enforcement Officer Heidi D'Agostino was named the 2010 Investigator of the Year by the California Hazardous Materials Investigators Association (CHMIA). The award was presented to her at the annual CHMIA conference held last week in San Luis Obispo County.

CHIMA is a statewide association of Peace Officers, Public Health Officers, Environmental Health Officers/Specialists, Hazardous Materials Specialists, Fire Departments, and prosecuting attorneys dedicated to the enforcement of environmental laws and regulations.

D'Agostino works in the Yolo County District Attorney's Consumer Fraud and Environmental Protection Division. The division which, was started by District Attorney Reisig in 2007, seeks to protect consumers from misleading and deceptive business activities and enforce rules that protect the environment and the citizens of Yolo County.

D'Agostino was honored for her efforts in traveling throughout the state obtaining evidence and interviewing former employees to build a case against Target Corporation that resulted in a \$22.5 million dollar statewide judgment for disposing of hazardous materials in an illegal manner. She also teaches courses in environmental investigations and educates the public on environmental matters. D'Agostino was also recently voted the Enforcement Officer of the Year by her peers at the District Attorney's Office.

District Attorney Reisig praised D'Agostino and the Consumer Fraud and Environment Division. "Much larger counties such as San Diego, Alameda and San Joaquin often tell us that they wish they had someone like D'Agostino," said Reisig. "The accomplishments of that division over the past four years have been astounding and are a tribute to the hard work and dedication of D'Agostino and prosecutor Larry Barlly."