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**CALIFORNIA METALS COALITION AND S.A. RECYCLING TO RECEIVE “ALAS AL FUTURO AWARD”:
*Mujeres de La Tierra Recognizing CMC and S.A. Recycling on November 2, 2019
For championing legislative effort to target industrial storm water pollution.***

Los Angeles, California, (October 31, 2019) – Teresa Villegas, Chairwoman of the Board of Mujeres de La Tierra (“Mujeres”), announced that the organization will honor the California Metals Coalition (“CMC”) and S.A. Recycling at their Annual Dia De Los Muertos event on November 2, 2019, for their efforts to gain passage of SB205 (Hertzberg). SB205 introduced in 2019 by State Senator Robert Hertzberg requires that manufacturing facilities and other businesses provide proof of wastewater discharge permits before a local municipal business license can be issued. The “Alas Al Futuro Award” (“Wings to the Future”) is awarded annually to a business or government agency that champion environmentally responsible practices and projects in a manner that is relevant to local communities.

“Catching polluters is often difficult for agencies such as Regional Water Quality Control Boards, because some enterprises discharge pollutants from their properties ‘under the radar’ without an industrial storm water permit. Making storm water permits a requirement for operating under a city business license is a key step in making sure that our communities, rivers and beaches stay clean,” said Villegas. “CMC and S.A. Recycling did not just support, but led the effort to write SB205. This sends a clear signal that they are serious about stopping pollution sources that affect families and nature,” Villegas stated.

Jeff Farano Sr., General Counsel of S.A. Recycling said: “We are a company that operates throughout the state of California. A clean environment is key to our ability to operate metal collection centers in diverse communities. Being honored with the “Alas Al Futuro Award” is a welcomed recognition of SA’s mission to work with local community groups around California that want health and prosperity for families for whom they champion,” Farano said.

Michael Lowe, Board President of CMC, and General Manager of AB&I Foundry in Oakland, California stated: “CMC is a statewide organization of metals manufacturers that strive to provide good jobs through environmentally sustainable practices. Nothing ruins our efforts more than non-permitted operators that skirt the law placing not only the communities in peril, but the businesses and workers who abide by the law and value our communities. This recognition from Mujeres demonstrates great deeds when community groups come together with upstanding businesses such as S.A. Recycling and trade organizations like CMC that can push through meaningful legislative remedies with help from leaders like Senator Hertzberg.”

Mujeres de La Tierra is a Los Angeles-based 501 (c)(3) not for profit organization that champions environmental justice by demanding equity for the needs of residential communities. Mujeres works to provide the tools of empowerment necessary for creating impactful and lasting change within low-income, immigrant, and communities of color. The Annual Dia de Los Muertos event will be held from 6:30 pm to 11 pm on Saturday, November 2, 2019, at the Los Angeles River Center which is located at 570 W Avenue 26, Los Angeles, CA 90065.

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