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Extra, extra . . . read all about it!

The most amazing banner evening was just had, in the wonderful life and career of my very good friend Keith Crabtree, last night in Grass Valley.

Keith received three separate awards for his lifelong service to conservation and rural property outreach here in Nevada County. Keith was voted the 2010 Conservationist of the Year by the NRCS and Nevada County RCD Board of Directors. The Conservationist of the Year award is a wonderful life prize in honor of his endless energy, passion, concern and tireless efforts on behalf of rural property conservation and outreach. If that was not all, Keith also received a Congressional Award for Lifetime Achievement in Conservation Work by US Congressman Tom McClintock and his third award was from the Nevada County Board of Supervisors for his dedication to conservation and outstanding efforts in conserving natural resources and enriching Nevada County's natural environment.

Wow!!! What an evening! I had a hard time wiping the smile off my face the entire time the accolades were coming his way. It was a very special place to be last night, as all those in attendance will attest.

If you get chance to drop Keith a note and a virtual high five, please take a moment to do so. He would love to hear from you. Keith is riding on cloud 9 at the moment and told me, this morning, that last night was one of the greatest moments of his life.

Keith can be reached by email at [Keith@GreenAcres101.com](mailto:Keith@GreenAcres101.com) or by phone at 530-269-1217

Way to go Keith! Our local natural resources are so much better off because of you and all that you do – day in and day out. You make a difference one property and one property owner at a time and you always leave folks with new hope, new tools and new knowledge to do great things with their own properties and always with their goals and means in mind. You work rural magic, my friend, on a stage that spans several foothill counties and I am truly honored to be a part of that special act.

Hats off to you Keith!

*Let's hear it for Keith! . . . Three cheers! . . . Hip, hip hooray!!*