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Excerpts of Governor Schwarzenegger's Remarks at the Unveiling of the New California Quarter



I have selected the John Muir Yosemite design to send to the U.S. Mint. This, basically, is a design that tells the whole story. California's commemorative quarter will display John Muir, Yosemite National Park, and the California Condor.

John Muir, for instance, has been a model for generations of Californians and conservationists around the world. He has taught us to be active and to enjoy, but at the same time protect our parks, our beaches, and our mountains. Yosemite is also on the coin, which is the symbol of California's beauty, and at the same time it reminds us that we must protect this beauty. Also on the coin is, the California Condor, which once almost was extinct and now it's protected and has had an amazing comeback.

Here in California, growth, progress, wilderness protection and the protection of the environment go hand in hand, even though some people believe that you can only have one or the other, we want to be committed to make it go hand in hand. I am proud that these three images will show California's wildlife, our majestic landscape, and our commitment to preserving our golden state for future generations.

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger

