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Karen Adams' *Riding the Storm* Wins 2008 Journalism Award from the San Francisco Peninsula Press Club

Riding the Storm, the independent production of Karen Adams, Media Center production manager and staff producer, won a first place journalism award in the documentary category. The award was presented at the **31st annual Greater Bay Area Journalism Awards** dinner in Foster City last night. The winners were selected from over 500 entries from media professionals in 11 Bay Area counties.

Riding The Storm: Landslide Danger in the San Francisco Bay Area was produced for the U.S. Geological Survey and first aired on KTEH public television. Besides Adams' leadership as Producer/Director/Editor, credits go to **Douglas DeVore**, Videographer; **Bryan Coleman**, Motion Graphics/Animation; and **Wendy Van Wazer**, Editor. The program will be replayed on KTEH, July 16, at 11 PM in a newly appointed spot for local documentaries.

About the program

Although well aware of the region's earthquake threat, many San Francisco Bay Area residents are perilously uninformed about another dangerous geologic hazard: landslides triggered by heavy rainfall. In January 1982 a single, catastrophic rainstorm triggered 18,000 landslides throughout the Bay Area.

During the drenching winter of 1997-98, El Nino-driven storms triggered a range of landslides in the Bay Area from deadly debris flows to destructive deep-seated slides. *Riding the Storm* documents these tragic events, the lessons learned from residents, and explores the science behind the hazard with U.S. Geological Survey researchers. It is the first documentary of its kind to detail the landslide hazard in the Bay area. Free copies of the video can be ordered or downloaded from the USGS landslide homepage at <http://landslides.usgs.gov/learning/movie/>

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