



# CALIFORNIA TRAILS & GREENWAYS 2017

## AWARDS PROGRAM



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**Hyatt Regency Monterey Hotel & Spa**

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## 2018 AWARD NOMINATIONS CALIFORNIA TRAILS & GREENWAYS

Do you know of individuals or projects currently underway that are worthy of special recognition? The Conference Awards Committee will release nomination information for next year's awards in October 2017.

These awards are your opportunity to bring acknowledgment and appreciation to the individuals, organizations, agencies, and businesses that, through hard work, integrity, and social responsibility, have made outstanding contributions that promote, enhance, or expand public awareness and use of trails and greenways in California during calendar year 2017.

*Full details about the Awards Program  
can be found on our website at:*

[www.parks.ca.gov/trails/conference](http://www.parks.ca.gov/trails/conference)

## **MERIT AWARDS - DEVELOPMENT**

### **CONCERNED OFF-ROAD BICYCLISTS ASSOCIATION**

#### *Ken Burton Trail Restoration Project*

The Ken Burton Trail in the Angeles National Forest was destroyed during the 2009 Station Fire. In 2010 CORBA began restoration work on front country trails in the burn area. On May 1st, 2016, after 98 volunteers put in 1650 hours over seven months, towing tools on trailers behind their bicycles each work day, the trail was opened to the public.

#### HONORABLE MENTION

### **SAN DIEGO BAY NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE - CALIFORNIA COASTAL CONSERVANCY**

#### *Bayside Birding and Walking Trail*

The Bayside Birding and Walking Trail, completed in 2016, extends for 0.4 miles along the south end of San Diego Bay. The trail facilitates the separation of pedestrian uses from the Bayshore Bikeway, protects sensitive resources, and provides safe opportunities for observing wildlife and enjoying views of the Bay.

## **MERIT AWARDS - ACQUISITION**

### **CALIFORNIA STATE PARKS, SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY, AND SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS NATIONAL RECREATION AREA/NPS**

#### *Backbone Trail Land Acquisition*

The Backbone Trail is a 67-mile National Recreation Trail across the Santa Monica Mountains, a mountains-to-the-sea landscape known for spectacular beauty and pricey real estate. "It took a village" to secure funding that California State Parks, Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, and National Park Service transformed into new public open space and trail corridor connections. The Backbone Trail was officially completed in 2016.

# **MERIT AWARDS - KIDS AND TRAILS**

## **SONOMA COUNTY TRAILS COUNCIL**

### *Annadel Trail Project*

In 2016 the Sonoma County Trails Council launched a new partnership with local high school cross country running teams to perform trail maintenance in Trione-Annadel State Park. The high school students named this partnership the Annadel Trail Project. This collaboration not only protects park resources and improves visitor safety today, it fosters volunteerism in our youth and produces tomorrow's park stewards.

# **MERIT AWARDS - PLANNING**

## **SAN FRANCISCO BAY TRAIL PROJECT**

### *San Francisco Bay Trail Design Guidelines and Toolkit*

Over a period of 30 years, a vision has developed for a continuous green transportation and recreation route that would encircle San Francisco Bay. The concise and well-illustrated Design Guidelines and Toolkit publication tells the story of the Bay Trail and explains the nature and socio-cultural value of the trail, and the variables that should go into its planning and design.

# **MERIT AWARDS - EVENT**

## **EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT**

### *Ivan Dickson Trail Event*

The East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD) hosted more than 100 volunteers to work and camp in Black Diamond Mines Regional Preserve in Contra Costa County from October 8 - 9, 2016. With support from Recreation Equipment, Inc., EBRPD staff, and Volunteers for Outdoor California, volunteers dedicated over 970 hours improving trails in this highly visited preserve.

### HONORABLE MENTION

## **CITY OF LA CAÑADA FLINTRIDGE**

### *Hike with the Mayor to Celebrate 30 Years of Open Space in Cherry Canyon*

On October 22nd, 2016, the Mayor of La Cañada Flintridge led a hike along several trails in Cherry Canyon Open Space Area to commemorate 30 years of open space in the City. The event brought out over 50 community members, who hiked and biked with the Mayor, as well as participated in a "seed bomb throw" to rejuvenate the canyon with native plants species.

### HONORABLE MENTION

## **STEWARDS OF THE SEQUOIA**

In 2016 Stewards' "Trail Appreciation Day" volunteer events consisted of 1860 hours performing maintenance on 244 miles of trails on National Forest and BLM lands. This work included clearing 1156 downed trees and installing 266 water bars as well as brushing 56 miles of trails.

## **COASTAL TRAIL AWARDS 2017 - AGENCY**

### **LARRY TIERNEY**

*California State Parks, Monterey District*

During his 35 year career with California State Parks in the Santa Cruz and Monterey Districts, Larry consistently went above and beyond his job description, supporting efforts to expand the Coastal Trail. From his work on trails around Pt. Lobos to the Garrapata Coastal Trail in Big Sur, Larry has been a leader in making the Coastal Trail a reality here in the Monterey Bay region.

## **COASTAL TRAIL AWARDS 2017 - NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION**

### **PAUL JENKIN**

*Surfrider Foundation, Ventura County Chapter*

Paul has volunteered thousands of hours to promote the Coastal Trail in Ventura County and restore the region's coastal and river ecosystems. Paul was a leader on the Surfer's Point Managed Retreat Shoreline project that moved a parking lot and bike/ped path away from the tideline- one of a few major trail projects ever built in the state to apply this concept.

## **CALIFORNIA TRAILS & GREENWAYS FOUNDATION 2016 TRAIL CHAMPION AWARD**

### **JANET PHILLIPS**

*Tahoe-Pyramid Bikeway*

# PAST WINNERS OF CALIFORNIA TRAILS AND GREENWAYS CONFERENCE LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

## LIFETIME VOLUNTEER ACHIEVEMENT

1994- George Cardinet

1996- Hulet Hornbeck

1997- Vie and George Obern

1998- Claude A. (Tony) and Mildred Look

1999- Ilse Byrnes

2005- Barbara Weitz and William (Bill) Bliss

2007- John and Arvie Degenfelder

2009- Ron Brown

2010- John Olmsted and Michael Kelley

2013- Elizabeth "Liz" Blackwelder

2014- Lauralee Svensgaard and Jim Hasenauer

## LIFETIME PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENT

1995- Ross Henry

2000-2001- Charlie Willard

2001-2002- Greg Wells and Steve Fiala

2005- Doug Andrews

2006- Bill Haire

2008- Peter Lewis

2009- Don Beers, Bob Doyle and Karl Knapp

2010- Steve Diers

2012- Terry Hanson

2015- Dick Troy

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