



CALIFORNIA TRAILS & GREENWAYS 2018

AWARDS PROGRAM



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Dedicated California State Parks employee, California Trails Conference Foundation Board Member, and friend.



MERIT AWARDS - EVENT

ACCESS4BIKES FOUNDATION

Ales and Trails

Held on May 20, 2017 at China Camp State Park, Ales and Trails brought together mountain bikers, campers, bike packers, and outdoor enthusiasts of all ages to participate in group rides and clinics, and to hear from advocacy groups about current trail and greenway issues. Participants were fed a barbecue lunch by a local caterer and got to taste micro-brewed beers by some of the finest local breweries. This year's event had a record number of attendees and raised money for the community, including starting a new college scholarship program to get high school aged kids involved in trail and environmental stewardship.

MERIT AWARDS - SOCIAL MEDIA, WEBSITES, AND TECHNOLOGY AWARD

AGENTS OF CHANGE MISSIONS (GAMES)

US Forest Service Program

In 2017, Agents of Change partnered with the American Recreation Coalition and the US Forest Service to expanded into 50 forests. As a result of this partnership, kids, or "agents," can now download the geo-triggered augmented reality (AR) app for free at 50 different forest sites. Agents of Discovery is an educational platform and mobile game that gets kids outdoors, active, and learning about the world around them. Kids become agents on a mission as they explore a park's natural resources. Park interpreters have full control of the content and are easily able to create and publish their own

MERIT AWARDS - DEVELOPMENT

COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO, PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Helix Flume Trail

In the late 1800s, a wooden flume was constructed to carry water from Lake Cuyamaca to the El Cajon Valley and into San Diego. In 2017, the flume became part of a multi-use trail that starts at the Historic El Monte Pump Station on Helix Water District property and follows the path of the Historic Water Flume east, connecting to existing trails around Lake Jennings Campground and other open space areas. Planning and construction were managed by the County of San Diego's Parks and Recreation Department, with help from the California Conservation Corps. Funding was secured over years and key donors included the San Diego Foundation, the Hervey Foundation, and the San Diego River Conservancy. Today, several miles of trail exist along the flume – a breezy, picturesque respite from the busy cities to the west, north, and south.

HONORABLE MENTION

REDDING TRAIL ALLIANCE

Enticer Trail

In 2017, the Redding Trail Alliance, in partnership with the Bureau of Land Management, the McConnell Foundation, and Trail Laboratories, converted a problematic access road in the Swasey Recreation Area into a high-quality and sustainable mountain bike flow trail, appropriately named “Enticer Trail”. Since its completion, Enticer Trail has become very popular among users, has created a new recreational experience for the area, diversified the trail system, addressed several recreational and environmental management issues, demonstrated innovative BMPs to stabilize trail features, and restored some of the natural environment.

CITY OF SAN JOSE, DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION AND NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES

Three Creeks Trail

In 2017, the City of San Jose began construction on the Three Creeks Trail. Since 2002, the City has pursued land acquisition, site remediation, budget development, planning, environmental and design work with community input through each stage. The City worked with community advocates who formed the Save Our Trails organization to champion local trail development. The 0.9-mile trail alignment will travel through a 7.5 acre landscaped corridor, providing greater access to pedestrian and bicycle travel within a well-established San Jose neighborhood. Through interpretive and directional signage, the trail will increase awareness of California’s oldest civil settlement, and the influence of railroads on the economy and the formation of California cities.

MERIT AWARDS - PLANNING

CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

Las Positas Multi-Use Path

In 2017, the City of Santa Barbara received \$1.37 million in grant funding through the federal Active Transportation Program to complete construction drawings, specifications, and a cost estimate for the 2.6-mile Las Positas Multi-Use Path. The path will connect the crosstown bike route, extend the coastal route (California Coastal Trail), and provide safer alternatives to biking and walking along Modoc and Las Positas. It will provide new and improved access to local elementary and junior high schools, coastal resources, and community and regional parks, as well as views of new open space and nature preserve land. The project also includes, interpretive opportunities for coastal habitat restoration for the adjacent creek and open space, and separate multi-use paths for walkers and cyclists.

SANTA CLARA COUNTY, DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

Sign Guidelines and Standards Manual

In 2017, the County of Santa Clara finished the Department of Parks and Recreation's Sign Guidelines and Standards Manual, establishing standards, specifications, and guidelines for all internal signage throughout the Santa Clara County park system. The document provides the design and artwork for more than 300 single message signs and customizable templates for multi-message signs. In addition, the plan revised parameters of trail signage to make signs clearer for users, add trail junction numbers to aid with emergency response, and provide specifications and guidelines for signage fabrication and installation.

CALIFORNIA TRAILS AND GREENWAYS CONFERENCE LIFETIME PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

JOHN KOLB

John Kolb worked for California State Parks for well over 30 years planning, developing, managing, and promoting trails on a local and statewide basis. He describes his childhood in Northern California as being grounded in a love of the outdoors. This love led him to seek a career with California State Parks. In the early 1970s, John spent a year at Yosemite in an “exchange ranger” program with California State Parks. He then served as a supervising ranger on the Ventura Coast. He moved to Sacramento during the restoration of the State Capitol, becoming leader of the interpretive team and eventually the first director of the Capitol Museum in 1981. From there he became the superintendent of the Four Rivers District, which included the San Luis Rey Reservoir. He finished his distinguished career as superintendent of the North Coast District, which included all the redwood parks in Humboldt and Del Norte Counties. Each position presented regular, important opportunities to consider and promote trails. In 2006, the California Trails Conference Foundation was formed to be the nonprofit arm working with California State Parks to put on the annual trails conference. John became a founding board member and until recently was its hard-working treasurer and secretary. Throughout his career and into retirement, John has demonstrated true leadership with statewide impacts on trails in California and his legacy will long be enjoyed by all of us.



CALIFORNIA TRAILS AND GREENWAYS CONFERENCE LIFETIME PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

STEPHAN VANCE

During his 35 years at San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG), Stephan Vance has been instrumental in moving trail projects from an idea to an actively used, interconnected trail system. Stephan began working on the Bayshore Bikeway in 1990 when SANDAG took the lead on the project. Since then, he has overseen the successful completion of numerous segments of the bikeway, which provides bicycle and pedestrian access to some of the most scenic areas in San Diego County, as well as to employment centers around San Diego Bay. Stephan is also the project manager for the San Diego River Trail, which will connect the Pacific Ocean to the San Diego River's headwaters in the east, as well as for SANDAG's Active Transportation Working Group (ATWG), a group that provides input on regional active transportation policy, planning and implementation activities. Stephan's volunteer work includes participation in the California Bicycle Coalition, where he has been a member since 1998, and currently holds a position on its Board of Directors. He is also a member at large of the San Diego County Bicycle Coalition Board of Directors and a founding member of Circulate San Diego, a regional grassroots organization. The combination of Stephan's professional and personal dedication to bicycling and bicycle trails will benefit future generations of trail users throughout California.



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

2017- Maryanne Vancio, Kurt Loheit, and Ron Webster

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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2019 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 the fall of 2018. 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 to promote, enhance, or expand public awareness and use of trails and greenways in California during calendar year 2018.

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