



18TH ANNUAL DIRECTOR'S RECOGNITION AWARDS CEREMONY

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PRERECORDED CEREMONY
AVAILABLE FOR ONLINE
VIEWING AFTER 10 A.M.

ANNUAL RECOGNITION AWARDS

ADAPTATION AWARD

Recognizes those who have taken remarkable steps in preparing for and protecting against the adverse and imminent consequences of climate change.

SAN BUENAVENTURA STATE BEACH BOARDWALK CREW
Channel Coast District

Richard Barry	Skylar Goodner	April Randol
Ray Cervantes	Casey Huffman	Dexter Reynolds
Grant Coleman	Mike Martinez	Brooke Sheridan
Nat Cox	Louren Miles	Kate Wilson
Alexis Frangis	Chaz Patacsil	

INGENUITY AWARD

Recognizes craftsmanship and expert application of hands-on technique.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY HELP DESK
Administrative Services Division

Jesus Almeida	Todd DeCarlo	Teri Lockhart
Robert Blesi	Paul Furry	Paul Magaoay
Christiaan Botha	Chris Gresham	Trong Pham
Jim Brennan	Ryan Griffin	Edward Reese
Shawn Brown	Ve Kao	Khan Tran
Matt Burgdorf	Thong Lai	Phil Usrey
Lester Cabrera	Robert Lim	

INNOVATION AWARD

Recognizes those who have found new and exciting ways to respond to change and accomplish the department's mission.

GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM APPLICATION ENGINEERS

Strategic Planning and
Recreation Services Division

Seth Paine
Daniel Walsh

San Luis Obispo Coast District

Jeff Ebner

Central Valley District

Nathaniel Wigington

INSPIRATION AWARD

Recognizes those who have achieved a major public objective while emphasizing community involvement.

COMMUNICATIONS AND MARKETING DIVISION

Brian Baer

Jorge Moreno

John Underwood

Shelley Gesicki

Charles Rouse

Terry Veiga

Laura Kujubu

Gloria Sandoval

Andres Weishaupt

Jerry Macias

Francisca Santana

Adeline Yee

LEADERSHIP AND VISION AWARD

Recognizes staff with the ability to motivate and inspire others to positive action who have long-term commitment to the ideals and values of State Parks.

NORTH COAST REDWOODS DISTRICT

Victor Bjelajac

PARTNERSHIP AWARD

Recognizes partners who have demonstrated a high level of commitment over a substantial period of time toward accomplishing the mission of State Parks.

CENTRAL COAST LIGHTHOUSE KEEPERS COOPERATING ASSOCIATION

PROFESSIONAL INTEGRITY AWARD

Recognizes employees who have demonstrated a high degree of honesty, integrity and idealism in the face of adverse pressure.

PARK AND RECREATION SERVICES DIVISION

Brian Ketterer

RESILIENCE AWARD

Honors an individual or team who tirelessly and valiantly rose to enormous challenges during an emergency response situation and/or recovery effort.

NORTHERN BUTTES DISTRICT

All Staff

FIRE ENGINE RESPONSE TO GLASS FIRE

at Bale Grist Mill State Historic Park

Bay Area District

Jason Hart

Central Valley District

Brandon Burrell

Prestin Gelhaus

Justin LaMarsh

Joshua Litzner

San Luis Obispo

Coast District

Matt Cunningham

Mateo Freques

Alex Johnson

Brian Johnson

**SANTA CRUZ DISTRICT ROADS AND TRAILS PROGRAM AND
STATEWIDE ROADS AND TRAILS PROGRAM**

Luis Aldape-Garcia	Gabriel Gonzalez	Jesus Ruiz
Gardner Cline-James	John Goodwin	Gary Shannon
Alfonso Cornejo	Ethan Harmon	Sam Sully
Devin Dishong	Sarah Hernandez	James Sylvia
Seth Downing	Trevor Hesselbein	Dan Tia
Julie Evans	Efrain Jimenez	Lori Turner
Kile Foltz	Kevin Magallanes	Matt Weil
Thad Garcia	Galen Miller	Brian Young
	Chris Pereira	

SANTA CRUZ DISTRICT RESOURCE ADVISORS

Alberto Bonilla	Portia Halbert	Tim Reilly
David Cowman	Tim Hyland	Juan Villarino
Ryan Diller	Joanne Kerbavaz	Ashley Weil

TRAILBLAZER AWARD

Recognizes those who have introduced new ideas or methods to accomplish the mission of State Parks or pioneered new ways to introduce the public to state parks.

DEPARTMENT OPERATIONS CENTER (DOC)

Scott Bayne	Terri Gaines	Christina Jaromay
Matt Bellah	Mike Gleckler	Brian Ketterer
Robert Blesi	Maja Gray	Peter Larsen
Ian Branaman	Mark Hada	Todd W. Lewis
Adrien Contreras	Leslie Hartzell	Teri Lockhart
Taylor Corder	John Hiles	Alex Luscutoff
Jason De Wall	Larissa Ison	Jorge Moreno
Scott Elliott	Lisa Jaycox	Anna Rasmussen

Brian Robertson

John Stephens

Evan Walter

Taylor Rucker

Laurie Taylor

Adeline Yee

Susan Saeteurn

Steve Van Etten

Brian Young

Antoinette Steiner

Daniel Walsh

SPECIAL COMMENDATION AWARDS

Given to an individual or team effort that makes a significant contribution toward the accomplishment of the mission and goals of State Parks. Efforts recognized by this certificate stand far above the norm and are substantial in impact and worthy of recognition at the director's level.

COLORADO DESERT DISTRICT

Wes Cater (posthumous)

INTERPRETATION AND EDUCATION DIVISION

Ben Fenkell (posthumous)

ORANGE COAST DISTRICT

Brian Flynn

STRATEGIC PLANNING AND RECREATION SERVICES DIVISION

Jim Newland

DUAL LANGUAGE VIRTUAL JUNIOR RANGER TEAM

Various Districts

Marya Ahmad

Jennifer Fischer

Oscar Rivera

Alex Anderson

Karina Licon

Scott Shepherd

Elizabeth Bailey

Francesca Manheim

Sarah Sindel

Veronica von Borstel

Cryssie Moreno

Anne Marie Tipton

Kim Bott

Lily Nia

Greg Urban

Danielle Bronson

Peter Ostroskie

Lorena Warner-Lara

Jason Field

Hector Rios

Blythe Wilson

RECLAIMING EMMA WOOD STATE BEACH TEAM
Channel Coast District

Richard Barry	Tyson Butzke	Zack Meeks
Mike Bechtel	Nat Cox	Brooke Sheridan
Dena Bellman	Parker Harris	Dave Wilson
James Bray	Sydney Hild	Kate Wilson
	Jeff Langley	

SPECIAL ACT/SERVICE AWARDS

Given for an extraordinary act of heroism by an employee that extends far above the normal call of duty or service, and performed at great risk to their own safety or life in an effort to save life and/or property.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DIVISION

Dr. Greg Dunnavant (posthumous)

SANTA CRUZ DISTRICT

Ziad Bawarshi

NORTHERN BUTTES DISTRICT

Sabrina Buis

NORTH COAST REDWOODS DISTRICT

Adrian York

SAN DIEGO COAST DISTRICT

Jaycee McNally

MONTEREY DISTRICT

Marcos Ortega

Ryan Petersen

BIG BASIN REDWOODS STATE PARK EVACUATION TEAM
Santa Cruz District

Phil Bergman	Andrew Dobbs	Scott Sipes
Don Crouthamel	Tyler Knapp	Alex Tabone
Phillip "PJ" Davis	Patrick Rosso	James Weber

**NORTHERN BUTTES DISTRICT STATE PARK PEACE OFFICER
WILDFIRES RESPONSE**

Dylan Ayache	Mark Hofer	Ryan Rzab
Todd Barto	Trevor Irace	Chris Sederquist
Sabrina Buis	Todd Jones	Janessa Sederquist
Zack Chambers	Edward Justin	Matt Stalter
Kirk Coon	Daniel Marinella	Bryan Taylor
Travis Gee	Eldon McBride	Mike Van Pelt
Chris Glenn	Blair Pubols	

THANK YOU

Thank you for “Living the Parks Life.” Even though not all employees are receiving a Director’s Recognition Award this year, know that your dedication to our mission does not go unnoticed.

Over the past year, public outdoor spaces have been challenged as never before. The rate of change and the intensity of catastrophic events—such as the COVID-19 pandemic and wildfires—have placed enormous demands on each of you. You have been working hard to creatively problem-solve and consistently care for yourselves and family members, while faithfully serving our department’s mission and park visitors. Additionally, some of you have served, or continue to serve, as contact tracers, making an important impact to slow or stop the spread of COVID-19.

Your dedication to the California Department of Parks and Recreation and the programs it supports has a direct and positive impact on the millions of people who visit state parks. Through your efforts, you help to improve communities across the state, protect natural and cultural resources, promote recreational opportunities and preserve California’s heritage.

Your service and commitment are deeply appreciated.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU

Trophies provided by Parks California.



MISSION STATEMENT

It is the mission of the California Department of Parks and Recreation to provide for the health, inspiration and education of the people of California by helping to preserve the state’s extraordinary biological diversity, protecting its most valued natural and cultural resources, and creating opportunities for high-quality outdoor recreation.

To view the event, please visit:
www.parks.ca.gov/DirectorAwards.
