



19TH ANNUAL DIRECTOR'S RECOGNITION AWARDS CEREMONY

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

ANNUAL RECOGNITION AWARDS

COMPASS AWARD

Recognizes remarkable long-term visioning, innovative thinking and mentorship that fosters talent and provides support to staff at all levels.

GOLD FIELDS DISTRICT

Barry Smith

INGENUITY AWARD

Recognizes craftsmanship and expert application of hands-on technique.

SAN LUIS OBISPO COAST DISTRICT

Sharon Foelz

INNOVATION AWARD

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

SIERRA DISTRICT

Hannah Doss

INSPIRATION AWARD

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

OFF-HIGHWAY MOTOR VEHICLE RECREATION (OHMVR) DIVISION

OHMVR Division's 50th Anniversary Team

Tom Bernardo

Mike Lynch

Don Schmidt

LEADERSHIP AND VISION AWARD

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

SONOMA-MENDOCINO COAST DISTRICT
Joseph Stoffers

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.

Mount San Jacinto Winter Park Authority Board Members and
Palm Springs Aerial Tramway Staff

PROFESSIONAL INTEGRITY AWARD

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

OFF-HIGHWAY MOTOR VEHICLE RECREATION DIVISION
Jon O'Brien

RESILIENCE AWARD

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

SIERRA DISTRICT
Jennifer McCallan

**WEAVERVILLE JOSS HOUSE STATE HISTORIC PARK
COLLECTIONS EVACUATION TEAM**

Joshua Bernadas	Terri Lopez	Chad Rowan
Andrew Case	Joanne McKenney	Ryan Rzab
Justin Edwards	June Morris	Ethan Stewart
Ursula Filice	Sondra Murphy	Jonathan Sutliff
Jack Frost	Phaedra Nations	Matt Teague
Travis Gee	Jena Peterson	Aaron Wright
Paul Geist	Jennifer Pooley	Elijah Yager

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.

NORTH COAST REDWOODS DISTRICT INTERPRETATION TEAM

Kyle Achziger	Erika Granadino	Maiya Rainer
Princess Colegrove	John Griffith	Marnin Robbins
Angela Edmunds	Skip Lowry	Ryan Spencer
Erin Gates	Keseloh McQuillen	

SPECIAL COMMENDATION AWARDS

Given to an individual or team who has made a significant contribution toward accomplishing the mission and goals of State Parks. Efforts recognized by this award stand far above the norm and are substantial in impact and worthy of recognition at the director's level.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DIVISION

Tracy Hurtig

CANNABIS WATERSHED PROTECTION PROGRAM TEAM

Darren Andolina	Adrien Contreras	Jeremy Stinson
Peter Barnes	Scott Elliott	Lori Turner
Catherine Caldwell	Seth Paine	

LAW ENFORCEMENT ACADEMY TEAM

Jeremy Alling	Margaret Fowler	Jason Smith
Matthew Cardinet	Lindsey Phillips	Jamie Stamps
	Sara Skinner	

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 is performed at great risk to their own safety or life in an effort to save life and/or property.

COLORADO DESERT DISTRICT

Andrew Ferreira

OCEANO DUNES DISTRICT

Trevor Scoggins

SANTA CRUZ DISTRICT

Peter Estes

MONTEREY DISTRICT

Megan Brady

Nate Elmore

Dan Kraft

Erin Kothlow

AUBURN STATE RECREATION AREA BRIDGE FIRE RESPONSE AND LOWER LAKE CLEMENTINE EVACUATION TEAM

Stephanie Collins-Sowers

Angelica Klevans

Megan Sanchez

Glenn Elliss

Tom Pagan

Lauren Shoemaker

Wyatt Jackson

Gordon Pershall

William Tyikayev

Mark James

Danny Rizzo

Serena Wisnewski

Sabrina Joseph

Margaret "Peggie" Salazar

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.

Our role in providing safe and equitable outdoor spaces for the enjoyment and mental and physical health of all Californians and preserving the state’s extraordinary natural and cultural resources for current and future generations continues to be vital.

All of us, whether in the office or in the field, are providing safe havens for those who need to de-stress, exercise or simply spend valuable time with family and friends.

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 public outdoor spaces. 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
