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July 12, 2017

To: LAFCo Commissioners
From: Martha Poyatos, Executive Officer *M. Poyatos*
Subject: 2017 CALAFCO Achievement Award Nominations

CALAFCO annually recognizes LAFCos, outstanding individual commissioners or staff, legislators, government agencies, and projects. Nominations may be made by an individual, a LAFCo, or another organization. **Nominations and supporting materials are due no later than Thursday, August 31, 2017, 5:00 pm** and must be submitted on the attached form along with any supplemental materials to CALAFCO Executive Officer Steve Lucas, slucas@buttecounty.net, or mailed to his attention to Butte LAFCo, 1453 Downer Street, Suite C, Oroville, CA 95965. The attached packet also includes a list of past recipients.

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Date: 5 July 2017

To: LAFCo Commissioners and Staff
CALAFCO Members
Other Interested Organizations

From: CALAFCO Achievement Awards Committee

Subject: **2017 CALAFCO Achievement Award Nominations**



Each year, CALAFCO recognizes outstanding achievements by dedicated and committed individuals and/or organizations from throughout the state at the Annual Conference Achievement Awards Ceremony.

Recognizing individual and organizational achievements is an important responsibility. It provides visible recognition and support to those who go above and beyond in their work to advance the principles and goals of the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Act. We invite you to use this opportunity to nominate the individuals and organizations you feel deserve this important recognition. ***Please carefully review the nomination instructions.***

To make a nomination, please use the following procedure:

1. Nominations may be made by an individual, a LAFCo, a CALAFCO Associate Member, or any other organization. There is no limit to the number of nominations you can submit.
2. Please use a separate form (attached) for each nomination. Nominations must be submitted with a completed nomination form. The form is your opportunity to highlight the most important points of your nomination.
3. Nominations must be limited to no more than 1500 words or 3 pages in length maximum. You are encouraged to write them in a clear, concise and understandable manner. If the Awards Committee members require additional information, you will be contacted with that request.
4. All supporting information (e.g. reports, news articles, etc.) must be submitted with the nomination. Please limit supporting documentation to no more than 5 pages. If the Awards Committee members require additional information, you will be contacted with that request.
5. All nomination materials must be submitted at one time and must be received by the deadline. Electronic submittals are encouraged.
6. **Nominations and supporting materials must be received no later than 5:00 p.m., Thursday, August 31, 2017.** Send nominations via e-mail, or U.S. mail to:

Stephen Lucas, CALAFCO Executive Officer
c/o Butte LAFCo
1453 Downer Street, Suite C
Oroville, CA 95965
slucas@calafco.org

Members of the 2017 CALAFCO Board of Directors Awards Committee are:

Ricky Samayoa, Committee Chair (Yuba LAFCo, Northern Region)
Mike Kelley (Imperial LAFCo, Southern Region)
Gerard McCallum (Los Angeles LAFCo, Southern Region)
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Please contact Steve Lucas, CALAFCO Executive Officer, at slucas@calafco.org or (530) 538-7784 with any questions. A list of the previous Achievement Award recipients is attached to this announcement.



Nomination Form

NOMINEE - Person or Agency Being Nominated:

Name:

Organization:

Address:

Phone:

E-mail:

NOMINATION CATEGORY (check one – see category criteria on attached sheet)

- Outstanding CALAFCO Member
- Most Effective Commission
- Outstanding Commissioner
- Outstanding LAFCo Professional
- Outstanding LAFCo Clerk
- Outstanding CALAFCO Associate Member
- Project of the Year
- Distinguished Service Award
- Government Leadership Award
- Legislator of the Year (must be approved by the full CALAFCO Board)
- Mike Gotch Courage and Innovation in Local Government Award
- Lifetime Achievement Award

NOMINATION SUBMITTED BY:

Name:

Organization:

Address:

Phone:

E-mail:



2017 Achievement Award Nominations

ACHIEVEMENTS

Please indicate the reasons why this person or agency deserves to be recognized (Remember to keep this portion to 1500 words or 3 pages maximum and use additional sheets as needed):



2017 Achievement Award Nominations

CALAFCO ACHIEVEMENT AWARD CATEGORIES

CALAFCO recognizes excellence within the LAFCo community and the full membership by presenting the *Achievement Awards* at the CALAFCO Annual Conference. Nominations are being accepted until *Thursday, August 31, 2017* in the following categories:

Outstanding CALAFCO Member	Recognizes a CALAFCO Board Member or staff person who has provided exemplary service during the past year.
Distinguished Service Award	Given to a member of the LAFCo community to recognize long-term service by an individual.
Most Effective Commission	Presented to an individual Commission to recognize innovation, streamlining, and/or initiative in implementing LAFCo programs; may also be presented to multiple Commissions for joint efforts.
Outstanding Commissioner	Presented to an individual Commissioner for extraordinary service to his or her Commission.
Outstanding LAFCo Professional	Recognizes an Executive Officer, Staff Analyst, or Legal Counsel for exemplary service during the past year.
Outstanding LAFCo Clerk	Recognizes a LAFCo Clerk for exemplary service during the past year.
Outstanding CALAFCO Associate Member	Presented to an active CALAFCO Associate Member (person or agency) that has advanced or promoted the cause of LAFCos by consistently producing distinguished work that upholds the mission and goals of LAFCos, and has helped elevate the roles and mission of LAFCos through its work. Recipient consistently demonstrates a collaborative approach to LAFCo stakeholder engagement.
Project of the Year	Recognition for a project-specific program that involved complex staff analysis, community involvement, or an outstanding solution.
Government Leadership Award	Presented to a decision-making body at the city, county, special district, regional or state level which has furthered good government efforts in California.
Legislator of the Year	Presented to a member of the California State Senate or Assembly in recognition of leadership and valued contributions in support of LAFCo goals. Selected by CALAFCO Board.
Mike Gotch Courage and Innovation in Local Government Award	Presented to an individual who has taken extraordinary steps to improve and innovate local government. This award is named for Mike Gotch: former Assembly Member, LAFCo Executive Officer and CALAFCO Executive Director responsible for much of the foundations of LAFCo law and CALAFCO. He is remembered as a source of great inspiration for staff and legislators from throughout the state.
Lifetime Achievement Award	Recognizes any individual who has made extraordinary contributions to the LAFCo community in terms of longevity of service, exemplary advocacy of LAFCo-related legislation, proven leadership in approaching a particular issue or issues, and/or demonstrated support in innovative and creative ways of the goals of LAFCos throughout California. At a minimum, the individual should be involved in the LAFCo community for at least ten years.

CALAFCO ACHIEVEMENT AWARD RECIPIENTS**2016**

Distinguished Service Award	Peter Brundage , Sacramento LAFCo
Most Effective Commission	San Luis Obispo LAFCo
Outstanding CALAFCO Member	John Leopold , Santa Cruz LAFCo
Outstanding Commissioner	Don Tatzin , Contra Costa LAFCo
Outstanding LAFCo Professional	Steve Lucas , Butte LAFCo
Outstanding LAFCo Clerk	Cheryl Carter-Benjamin , Orange LAFCo
Project of the Year	Countywide Water Study , (Marin LAFCo)
Government Leadership Award	Southern Region of CALAFCO
Lifetime Achievement Award	Bob Braitman (retired Executive Officer)

2015

Mike Gotch Courage & Innovation in Local Government Leadership Award	Yuba County Water Agency
Distinguished Service Award	Mary Jane Griego , Yuba LAFCo
Most Effective Commission	Butte LAFCo
Outstanding CALAFCO Member	Marjorie Blom , formerly of Stanislaus LAFCo
Outstanding Commissioner	Matthew Beekman , formerly of Stanislaus LAFCo
Outstanding LAFCo Professional	Sam Martinez , San Bernardino LAFCo
Outstanding LAFCo Clerk	Terri Tuck , Yolo LAFCo
Project of the Year	Formation of the Ventura County Waterworks District No. 38 (Ventura LAFCo) and 2015 San Diego County Health Care Services five-year sphere of influence and service review report (San Diego LAFCo)
Government Leadership Award	The Cities of Dublin, Pleasanton, Livermore and San Ramon, the Dublin San Ramon Services District and the Zone 7 Water Agency
CALAFCO Associate Member of the Year	Michael Colantuono of Colantuono, Highsmith & Whatley
Legislators of the Year Award	Assembly member Chad Mayes
Lifetime Achievement Award	Jim Chapman (Lassen LAFCo) and Chris Tooker (formerly of Sacramento LAFCo)

2014

Mike Gotch Courage & Innovation in Local Government Leadership Award	David Church , San Luis Obispo LAFCo
Distinguished Service Award	Kate McKenna , Monterey LAFCo
Most Effective Commission	Santa Clara LAFCo
Outstanding CALAFCO Member	Stephen Lucas , Butte LAFCo
Outstanding Commissioner	Paul Norsell , Nevada LAFCo
Outstanding LAFCo Professional	Kate McKenna , Monterey LAFCo
Outstanding LAFCo Clerk	Paige Hensley , Yuba LAFCo
Project of the Year	LAFCo Procedures Guide: 50th Year Special Edition , San Diego LAFCo



2017 Achievement Award Nominations

Government Leadership Award

Orange County Water District, City of Anaheim, Irvine Ranch Water District, and Yorba Linda Water District

Legislators of the Year Award

Assembly member Katcho Achadjian

Lifetime Achievement Award

Susan Wilson, Orange LAFCo

2013

Mike Gotch Courage & Innovation in Local Government Leadership Award

Simón Salinas, Commissioner, Monterey LAFCo

Distinguished Service Award

Roseanne Chamberlain, Amador LAFCo

Most Effective Commission

Stanislaus LAFCo

Outstanding CALAFCO Member

Harry Ehrlich, San Diego LAFCo

Outstanding Commissioner

Jerry Gladbach, Los Angeles LAFCo

Outstanding LAFCo Professional

Lou Ann Texeira, Contra Costa

LAFCo Outstanding LAFCo Clerk

Kate Sibley, Contra Costa LAFCo

Project of the Year

Plan for Agricultural Preservation, Stanislaus LAFCo

Government Leadership Award

Orange County LAFCo Community Islands Taskforce, Orange LAFCo

Legislators of the Year Award

Senators Bill Emerson and Richard Roth

Lifetime Achievement Award

H. Peter Faye, Yolo LAFCo; Henry Pellissier, Los Angeles LAFCo; Carl Leverenz, Butte LAFCo; Susan Vicklund-Wilson, Santa Clara LAFCo.

2012

Mike Gotch Courage & Innovation in Local Government Leadership Award

Bill Chiat, CALAFCO Executive Director

Distinguished Service Award

Marty McClelland, Commissioner, Humboldt LAFCo

Most Effective Commission

Sonoma LAFCo

Outstanding CALAFCO Member

Stephen A. Souza, Commissioner, Yolo LAFCo and CALAFCO Board of Directors

Outstanding Commissioner

Sherwood Darington, Monterey

LAFCo Outstanding LAFCo Professional

Carole Cooper, Sonoma LAFCo

Outstanding LAFCo Clerk

Gwenna MacDonald, Lassen LAFCo

Project of the Year

Countywide Service Review & SOI Update, Santa Clara LAFCo

Government Leadership Award

North Orange County Coalition of Cities, Orange LAFCo

Lifetime Achievement Award

P. Scott Browne, Legal Counsel LAFCos

2011

Mike Gotch Courage & Innovation in Local Government Leadership Award

Martin Tuttle, Deputy Director for Planning, Caltrans

Distinguished Service Award

Mike McKeever, Executive Director, SACOG

LAFCo Most Effective Commission

Carl Leverenz, Commissioner and Chair, Butte

Outstanding CALAFCO Member

San Bernardino LAFCo

Outstanding Commissioner

Keene Simonds, Executive Officer, Napa LAFCo

Outstanding LAFCo Professional

Louis R. Calcagno, Monterey LAFCo

Outstanding LAFCo Clerk

June Savala, Deputy Executive Officer, Los Angeles LAFCo

Debbie Shubert, Ventura LAFCo



2017 Achievement Award Nominations

Project of the Year

Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Definitions Revision

Bob Braitman, Scott Browne, Clark Alsop, Carole Cooper, and George Spiliotis

Government Leadership Award

Contra Costa Sanitary District

Elsinore Water District and Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District

2010

Mike Gotch Courage & Innovation in Local Government Leadership Award

Helen Thompson, Commissioner, Yolo LAFCo

Distinguished Service Award

Kathleen Rollings-McDonald, Executive Officer, San Bernardino LAFCo

Bob Braitman, Executive Officer, Santa Barbara LAFCo

Most Effective Commission

Tulare LAFCo

Outstanding CALAFCO Member

Roger Anderson, Ph.D., CALAFCO Chair, Santa Cruz LAFCo

Outstanding Commissioner

George Lange, Ventura LAFCo

Outstanding LAFCo Professional

Harry Ehrlich, Government Consultant, San Diego LAFCo

Outstanding LAFCo Clerk

Candie Fleming, Fresno LAFCo

Project of the Year

Butte LAFCo

Sewer Commission - Oroville Region Municipal Service Review

Government Leadership Award

Nipomo Community Services District and the County of San Luis Obispo

Special Achievement

Chris Tooker, Sacramento LAFCo and CALAFCO Board of Directors

2009

Mike Gotch Courage & Innovation in Local Government Leadership Award

Paul Hood, Executive Officer, San Luis Obispo LAFCo

Distinguished Service Award

William Zumwalt, Executive Officer, Kings LAFCo

Most Effective Commission

Napa LAFCo

Outstanding CALAFCO Member

Susan Vicklund Wilson, CALAFCO Vice Chair

Jerry Gladbach, CALAFCO Treasurer

Outstanding Commissioner

Larry M. Fortune, Fresno LAFCo

Outstanding LAFCo Professional

Pat McCormick, Santa Cruz LAFCo Executive Officer

Outstanding LAFCo Clerk

Emmanuel Abello, Santa Clara LAFCo

Project of the Year

Orange LAFCo Boundary Report

Government Leadership Award

Cities of Amador City, Jackson, Ione, Plymouth & Sutter Creek; Amador County; Amador Water Agency; Pine Grove CSD – Countywide MSR Project

Legislator of the Year Award

Assembly Member Jim Silva



2017 Achievement Award Nominations

2008

Distinguished Service Award	Peter M. Detwiler , Senate Local Government Committee Chief Consultant
Most Effective Commission	Yuba LAFCo
Outstanding Commissioner	Dennis Hansberger , San Bernardino LAFCo
Outstanding LAFCo Professional	Michael Ott , San Diego LAFCo Executive Officer Martha Poyatos , San Mateo Executive Officer
Outstanding LAFCo Clerk	Wilda Turner , Los Angeles LAFCo
Project of the Year	Kings LAFCo City and Community District MSR and SOI Update
Government Leadership Award	San Bernardino Board of Supervisors
Legislator of the Year Award	Assembly Member Anna M. Caballero

2007

Outstanding CALAFCO Member	Kathy Long , Board Chair, Ventura LAFCo
Distinguished Service Award	William D. Smith , San Diego Legal
Counsel Most Effective Commission	Santa Clara LAFCo
Outstanding Commissioner	Gayle Uilkema , Contra Costa LAFCo
Outstanding LAFCo Professional	Joyce Crosthwaite , Orange LAFCo Executive Officer
Outstanding LAFCo Clerk	Debby Chamberlin , San Bernardino LAFCo
Project of the Year	San Bernardino LAFCo and City of Fontana Islands Annexation Program
Government Leadership Award	City of Fontana - Islands Annexation Program
Lifetime Achievement	John T. "Jack" Knox

2006

Outstanding CALAFCO Member	Everett Millais , CALAFCO Executive Officer and Executive Officer of Ventura LAFCo
Distinguished Service Award	Clark Alsop , CALAFCO Legal Counsel
Most Effective Commission Award	Alameda LAFCo
Outstanding Commissioner Award	Ted Grandsen , Ventura LAFCo Chris Tooker , Sacramento LAFCo
Outstanding LAFCo Professional Award	Larry Calemine , Los Angeles LAFCo Executive Officer
Outstanding LAFCo Clerk Award	Janice Bryson , San Diego LAFCo Marilyn Flemmer , Sacramento LAFCo
Project of the Year Award	Sacramento Municipal Utility District Sphere of Influence Amendment and Annexation; Sacramento LAFCo
Outstanding Government Leadership Award	Cities of Porterville, Tulare, and Visalia and Tulare LAFCo Island Annexation Program
Legislator of the Year Award	Senator Christine Kehoe

2005

Outstanding CALAFCO Member	Peter Herzog , CALAFCO Board, Orange LAFCo
Distinguished Service Award	Elizabeth Castro Kemper , Yolo LAFCo
Most Effective Commission Award	Ventura LAFCo



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Outstanding Commissioner Award	Art Aseltine , Yuba LAFCo
Outstanding LAFCo Professional Award	Henri Pellissier , Los Angeles LAFCo
Outstanding LAFCo Clerk Award	Bruce Baracco , San Joaquin LAFCo
Project of the Year Award	Danielle Ball , Orange LAFCo
Outstanding Government Leadership Award	San Diego LAFCo MSR of Fire Protection and Emergency Medical Services
	Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG)

2004

Outstanding CALAFCO Member	Scott Harvey , CALAFCO Executive Director
Distinguished Service Award	Julie Howard , Shasta LAFCo
Most Effective Commission Award	San Diego LAFCo
Outstanding Commissioner Award	Edith Johnsen , Monterey LAFCo
Outstanding LAFCo Professional Award	David Kindig , Santa Cruz LAFCo
Project of the Year Award	San Luis Obispo LAFCo Nipomo CSD SOI Update, MSR, and EIR

2003

Outstanding CALAFCO Member	Michael P. Ryan , CALAFCO Board Member
Distinguished Service Award	Henri F. Pellissier , Los Angeles LAFCo
Most Effective Commission Award	San Luis Obispo LAFCo
Outstanding Commissioner Award	Bob Salazar , El Dorado LAFCo
Outstanding LAFCo Professional Award	Shirley Anderson , San Diego LAFCo
Outstanding LAFCo Clerk Award	Lori Fleck , Siskiyou LAFCo
Project of the Year Award	Napa LAFCo Comprehensive Water Service Study
Special Achievement Award	James M. Roddy

2002

Outstanding CALAFCO Member	Ken Lee , CALAFCo Legislative Committee Chair
Most Effective Commission Award	San Diego LAFCo Outstanding
Commissioner Award	Ed Snively , Imperial LAFCo
Outstanding LAFCo Professional Award	Paul Hood , San Luis Obispo LAFCo
Outstanding LAFCo Clerk Award	Danielle Ball , Orange LAFCo
Project of the Year Award	San Luis Obispo LAFCo
Outstanding Government Leadership Award	Napa LAFCo, Napa County Farm Bureau, Napa Valley Vintners Association, Napa Valley Housing Authority, Napa County Agricultural Commissioner's Office, Napa County Counsel Office, and Assembly Member Patricia Wiggins

2001

Outstanding CALAFCO Member	SR Jones , CALAFCO Executive Officer
Distinguished Service Award	David Martin , Tax Area Services Section, State Board of Equalization
Outstanding Commissioner Award	H. Peter Faye , Yolo LAFCo
Outstanding LAFCo Professional Award	Ingrid Hansen , San Diego LAFCo
Project of the Year Award	Santa Barbara LAFCo
Outstanding Government Leadership Award	Alameda County Board of Supervisors, Livermore City Council, Pleasanton City Council
Legislator of the Year Award	Senator Jack O'Connell



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2000

Outstanding CALAFCO Member	Ron Wootton , CALAFCO Board Chair
Distinguished Service Award	Ben Williams , Commission on Local Governance for the 21st Century
Most Effective Commission Award	Yolo LAFCo
Outstanding Commissioner	Rich Gordon , San Mateo LAFCo
Outstanding LAFCo Professional Award	Annamaria Perrella , Contra Costa LAFCo
Outstanding LAFCo Clerk Award	Susan Stahmann , El Dorado LAFCo
Project of the Year Award	San Diego LAFCo
Legislator of the Year Award	Robert Hertzberg , Assembly Member

1999

Distinguished Service Award	Marilyn Ann Flemmer-Rodgers , Sacramento LAFCo
Most Effective Commission Award	Orange LAFCo
Outstanding Executive Officer Award	Don Graff , Alameda LAFCo
Outstanding LAFCo Clerk Award	Dory Adams , Marin LAFCo
Most Creative Solution to a Multi-Jurisdictional Problem	San Diego LAFCo
Outstanding Government Leadership Award	Assembly Member John Longville
Legislator of the Year Award	Assembly Member Robert Hertzberg

1998

Outstanding CALAFCO Member	Dana Smith , Orange LAFCo
Distinguished Service Award	Marvin Panter , Fresno LAFCo
Most Effective Commission Award	San Diego LAFCo
Outstanding Executive Officer Award	George Spiliotis , Riverside LAFCo
Outstanding Staff Analysis	Joe Convery , San Diego LAFCo Joyce Crosthwaite , Orange LAFCo
Outstanding Government Leadership Award	Santa Clara County Planning Department

1997

Most Effective Commission Award	Orange LAFCo
Outstanding Executive Officer Award	George Finney , Tulare LAFCo
Outstanding Staff Analysis	Annamaria Perrella , Contra Costa LAFCo
Outstanding Government Leadership Award	South County Issues Discussion Group
Most Creative Solution to a Multi-Jurisdictional Problem	Alameda LAFCo and Contra Costa LAFCo
Legislator of the Year Award	Assembly Member Tom Torlakson

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San Diego, California**

