

September 11, 2019

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To:

LAFCo Commissioners

From:

Martha Poyatos, Executive Officer

Subject:

2019 CALAFCO Achievement Award Nominations

CALAFCO annually recognizes Commissions, individual commissioners or staff, legislators, government agencies, and projects for exceptional outcomes or contributions to LAFCo's mission. Nominations may be made by an individual, a LAFCo, or another organization.

CALAFCO is requesting nominations and supporting materials no later than Friday,

September 20, 2019, 5:00 pm. Nominations 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.

Attachment:

A. 2019 CALAFCO Achievement Award Nominations



CALAFCO

2019

AWARDS

Date: July 10, 2019

To: LAFCo Commissioners and Staff

CALAFCO Members

Other Interested Organizations

From: CALAFCO Achievement Awards Committee

Subject: 2019 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 and the criteria for each category.*

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. Any nomination received that exceeds this amount will be returned.
- 4. All supporting information (e.g. reports, news articles, etc.) must be submitted with the nomination. Limit supporting documentation to no more than 5 pages. If the Awards Committee members require additional information, you will be contacted with that request. Any nomination received that exceeds this amount will be returned.
- 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 <u>must</u> be received no later than 5:00 p.m., Friday, September 20, 2019. 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 2019 CALAFCO Board of Directors Awards Committee are:

Mike Kelley, Committee Chair (Imperial LAFCo, Southern Region) Cheryl Brothers (Orange LAFCo, Southern Region) Debra Lake (Humboldt LAFCo, Northern Region)

Margie Mohler (Napa LAFCo, Coastal Region) Daniel Parra (Fresno LAFCo, Central Region) mkelley@calafco.org cbrothers@calaco.org dlake@calafco.org mmohler@calafco.org dparra@calafco.org

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 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:



NOMINATION SUMMARY

In $\underline{\text{no more than}}$ 250 words, summarize why this recipient is the most deserving of this award.

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):



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 *5:00 p.m., Friday, September 20, 2019* 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 AwardGiven 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

2018

Distinguished Service Award

Most Effective Commission

Outstanding Commissioner

Outstanding LAFCo Professional

Outstanding LAFCo Clerk

Outstanding CALAFCO Associate Member

Project of the Year

Government Leadership Award

Mike Gotch Courage & Innovation in Local Government Leadership Award

Legislator of the Year

Lifetime Achievement Award

John Withers, Orange LAFCo

Santa Clara LAFCo

Margie Mohler, Napa LAFCo

George Williamson, Del Norte LAFCo

Elizabeth Valdez, Riverside LAFCo

Best Best & Krieger

Lake LAFCo, water services consolidation

City of Porterville, County of Tulare, Dept. of Water Resources, State Water Resources Control Board, Governor's Office of Emergency Services, Self Help Enterprises, Community Water Center for East Porterville

water supply project

Mike Ott, San Diego LAFCo

Assembly Member Anna Caballero

Pat McCormick, Santa Cruz LAFCo, George Spiliotis, Riverside

LAFCo

2017

Most Effective Commission

Outstanding CALAFCO Member
Outstanding Commissioner

Outstanding LAFCo Professional

Outstanding LAFCo Clerk

Outstanding CALAFCO Associate Member

Project of the Year

Government Leadership Award Lifetime Achievement Award Los Angeles LAFCo

Sblend Sblendorio, Alameda LAFCo **John Marchand**, Alameda LAFCo

Paul Novak, Los Angeles LAFCo

Richelle Beltran, Ventura LAFCo

Policy Consulting Associates

County Services MSR, Butte LAFCo

Santa Rosa Annexation, Sonoma LAFCo

San Luis Obispo County Public Works Dept.

Kathy Rollings McDonald (San Bernardino)

2016

Distinguished Service Award

Most Effective Commission

Outstanding CALAFCO Member

Outstanding Commissioner

Outstanding LAFCo Professional

Outstanding LAFCo Clerk

Project of the Year

Government Leadership Award

Lifetime Achievement Award

Peter Brundage, Sacramento LAFCo

San Luis Obispo LAFCo

John Leopold, Santa Cruz LAFCo

Don Tatzin, Contra Costa LAFCo

Steve Lucas, Butte LAFCo

Cheryl Carter-Benjamin, Orange LAFCo

Countywide Water Study, (Marin LAFCo)

Southern Region of CALAFCO

Bob Braitman (retired Executive Officer)



2015

Mike Gotch Courage & Innovation in Local Government Leadership Award

Distinguished Service Award

Most Effective Commission

Outstanding CALAFCO Member

Outstanding Commissioner
Outstanding LAFCo Professional

Outstanding LAFCo Clerk

Project of the Year

Government Leadership Award

CALAFCO Associate Member of the Year

Legislators of the Year Award

Lifetime Achievement Award

Yuba County Water Agency

Mary Jane Griego, Yuba LAFCo

Butte LAFCo

Marjorie Blom, formerly of Stanislaus LAFCo

Matthew Beekman, formerly of Stanislaus LAFCo

Sam Martinez, San Bernardino LAFCo

Terri Tuck, Yolo LAFCo

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)

The Cities of Dublin, Pleasanton, Livermore and San

Ramon, the Dublin San Ramon Services District and the

Zone 7 Water Agency

Michael Colantuono of Colantuono, Highsmith & Whatley

Assembly member Chad Mayes

Jim Chapman (Lassen LAFCo) and Chris Tooker (formerly of

Sacramento LAFCo)

2014

Mike Gotch Courage & Innovation in Local Government Leadership Award

Distinguished Service Award

Most Effective Commission

Outstanding CALAFCO Member
Outstanding Commissioner
Outstanding LAFCo Professional

Outstanding LAFCo Clerk

Project of the Year

Government Leadership Award

Legislators of the Year Award Lifetime Achievement Award David Church, San Luis Obispo LAFCo

Kate McKenna, Monterey LAFCo

Santa Clara LAFCo

Stephen Lucas, Butte LAFCo
Paul Norsell, Nevada LAFCo
Kate McKenna, Monterey LAFCo

Paige Hensley, Yuba LAFCo

LAFCo Procedures Guide: 50th Year Special Edition,

San Diego LAFCo

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

Assembly member Katcho Achadjian

Susan Wilson, Orange LAFCo

2013

Mike Gotch Courage & Innovation in Local Government Leadership Award

Distinguished Service Award

Most Effective Commission

Outstanding CALAFCO Member Outstanding Commissioner

Outstanding LAFCo Professional LAFCo Outstanding LAFCo Clerk

Project of the Year

Simón Salinas, Commissioner, Monterey LAFCo

Roseanne Chamberlain, Amador LAFCo

Stanislaus LAFCo

Harry Ehrlich, San Diego LAFCo
Jerry Gladbach, Los Angeles LAFCo
Lou Ann Texeira, Contra Costa

Kate Sibley, Contra Costa LAFCo

Plan for Agricultural Preservation, Stanislaus LAFCo



Government Leadership Award

Legislators of the Year Award Lifetime Achievement Award Orange County LAFCo Community Islands Taskforce,

Orange LAFCo

Senators Bill Emmerson and Richard Roth

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

Distinguished Service Award Most Effective Commission Outstanding CALAFCO Member

Outstanding Commissioner

LAFCo Outstanding LAFCo Professional

Outstanding LAFCo Clerk

Project of the Year

Government Leadership Award Lifetime Achievement Award Bill Chiat, CALAFCO Executive Director

Marty McClelland, Commissioner, Humboldt LAFCo

Sonoma LAFCo

Stephen A. Souza, Commissioner, Yolo LAFCo and

CALAFCO Board of Directors

Sherwood Darington, Monterey
Carole Cooper, Sonoma LAFCo
Gwenna MacDonald. Lassen LAFCo

Countywide Service Review & SOI Update, Santa Clara

LAFCo

North Orange County Coalition of Cities, Orange LAFCo

P. Scott Browne, Legal Counsel LAFCos

2011

Mike Gotch Courage & Innovation in Local Government Leadership Award

Distinguished Service Award

LAFCo Most Effective Commission

Outstanding CALAFCO Member Outstanding Commissioner

Outstanding LAFCo Professional

Outstanding LAFCo Clerk

Project of the Year

Government Leadership Award

Martin Tuttle, Deputy Director for Planning, Caltrans

Mike McKeever, Executive Director, SACOG

Carl Leverenz, Commissioner and Chair, Butte

San Bernardino LAFCo

Keene Simonds, Executive Officer, Napa LAFCo

Louis R. Calcagno, Monterey LAFCo

June Savala, Deputy Executive Officer, Los Angeles LAFCo

Debbie Shubert, Ventura LAFCo

Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Definitions Revision

Bob Braitman, Scott Browne, Clark Alsop, Carole Cooper,

and George Spiliotis

Contra Costa Sanitary District

Elsinore Water District and Elsinore Valley Municipal Water

District

2010

Mike Gotch Courage & Innovation in Local Government Leadership Award

Distinguished Service Award

Helen Thompson, Commissioner, Yolo LAFCo

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 Paul Hood, Executive Officer, San Luis Obispo LAFCo

Local Government Leadership Award

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

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

Project of the Year

Debby Chamberlin, San Bernardino LAFCo
San Bernardino LAFCo and City of Fontana

Islands Annexation Program



Government Leadership Award

Lifetime Achievement

City of Fontana - Islands Annexation Program

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

Project of the Year Award

Marilyn Flemmer, Sacramento LAFCo 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

Outstanding Commissioner Award

Art Aseltine, Yuba LAFCo Henri Pellissier, Los Angeles LAFCo

Outstanding LAFCo Professional Award

Bruce Baracco, San Joaquin LAFCo

Outstanding LAFCo Clerk Award

Danielle Ball, Orange LAFCo

Project of the Year Award

San Diego LAFCo

MSR of Fire Protection and Emergency Medical Services

Outstanding Government Leadership Award

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

Outstanding LAFCo Professional Award

Edith Johnsen, Monterey LAFCo 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

Outstanding LAFCo Professional Award

Bob Salazar, El Dorado LAFCo 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

Project of the Year Award

Danielle Ball, Orange LAFCo

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

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

Outstanding Government Leadership Award Assembly Member John Longville

Legislator of the Year Award Assembly Member Robert Hertzberg



1998

Outstanding CALAFCO Member

Distinguished Service Award

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

Jurisdictional Problem

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
Alameda LAFCo and Contra Costa LAFCo

Legislator of the Year Award Assembly Member Tom Torlakson

Please join us for the CALAFCO Annual Conference October 30 – November 1, 2019 Sacramento, California

