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July 10, 2024 (Agenda)

Contra Costa Local Agency Formation Commission  
40 Muir Road, First Floor  
Martinez, CA 94553

July 10, 2024  
Agenda Item 8

**CALAFCO Annual Conference, Achievement Awards, and  
Nominations for 2024-25 CALAFCO Board of Directors**

Dear Commissioners:

**CALAFCO Annual Conference** - The annual CALAFCO conference will be held October 16-19, 2024 at Tenaya Lodge in Yosemite. Conference registration opened on June 27<sup>th</sup>. Commissioners planning to attend, please submit your conference registration forms to the LAFCO Executive Officer by July 30<sup>th</sup>.

In conjunction with the annual conference, CALAFCO also announced calls for *CALAFCO Board Nominations* (Attachment 2) and *Achievement Awards* (Attachment 3).

**Nominations for CALAFCO Board of Directors** – On May 21, 2024, CALAFCO announced the opening of CALAFCO Board nominations. There are eight seats up for election this Fall - two seats from each of the four regions. The Coastal Region seats include a *County Member* and a *District Member*. Elections will be held during the Regional Caucuses on Thursday, October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at the Tenaya Lodge. The deadline for Board nominations is **September 16, 2024**. Commissioner McGill currently serves as a Special District Member on the CALAFCO Board representing the Coastal Region, and also serves on the CALAFCO Legislative Committee. Commissioner McGill seeks re-election to the CALAFCO Board.

**Designation of Voting Delegate** - CALAFCO bylaws require that each LAFCO designate a voting delegate to vote on behalf of their Commission. The voting delegate may be a commissioner, alternate commissioner, or executive officer. The voting delegate will cast votes on behalf of Contra Costa LAFCO for 1) CALAFCO Board Members, and 2) Annual Business meeting items. Voting delegates must be designated by **September 16, 2024**.

**Recommendations:** Advise as to any Board nominations; appoint a voting delegate and alternate; and direct staff to forward the information to CALAFCO.

Sincerely,

LOU ANN TEXEIRA  
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Attachment 1 – CALAFCO Achievement Award Information  
Attachment 2 – CALAFCO Achievement Award Nomination Form

Date: May 13, 2024

To: CALAFCO Members  
LAFCO Commissioners and Staff  
Other Interested Organizations

From: Blake Inscore, Committee Chair  
CALAFCO Achievement Awards Committee  
CALAFCO Board of Directors

Subject: 2024 CALAFCO Achievement Award Nominations  
Period Open



## Deadline: Saturday, August 31, 2024

On behalf of the Association, I am pleased to announce that the nomination period for the 2024 CALAFCO Achievement Awards is now open!

Each year, CALAFCO is honored to recognize outstanding achievements by dedicated and committed individuals and/or organizations from throughout the state at its Annual Conference Achievement Awards Ceremony. This year's ceremony will be held at the gorgeous Tenaya Lodge just outside Yosemite National Park on October 17th, during the awards banquet.

Recognizing individual and organizational achievements is an important responsibility. It provides visible recognition and support to those who have gone ***above and beyond*** over the last year 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 based on the criteria outlined.

Before submitting a nomination, ***please carefully review the nomination instructions and the criteria for each award as incomplete nominations, and nominations that do not adhere to the submission guidelines, will not be considered by the Committee.***

### ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS NOMINATION PROCEDURE:

1. Most nominations may be made by an individual, a LAFCO, a CALAFCO Associate Member, or any other organization.
2. Each nomination must meet the specific award category criteria for consideration.
3. With the exception of the Lifetime Achievement Award, all nominated projects or acts of service must have occurred or been completed between August 18, 2023, and August 15, 2024.
4. Nominations ***must be submitted with a completed nomination form***. Please use a separate form for each

nomination. The form is your opportunity to highlight the most important points of your nomination.

5. Nomination *Executive Summaries* must be **limited to no more than 250 words in length**. Nomination *Summaries* must be **limited to no more than 1,000 words or 2 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 not be considered by the Committee**.
6. All supporting information (e.g. reports, news articles, etc.) must be submitted with the nomination. **Limit supporting documentation to no more than 3 pages**. If the Awards Committee members require additional information, you will be contacted with that request. Any nomination received that exceeds this amount **will not be considered by the Committee**.
7. All nomination materials must be submitted at one time and must be received by the deadline. No late nominations will be accepted – no exceptions. Electronic submittals are required and must be submitted as pdf document, using the fillable pdf document provided.
8. **Nominations and all supporting materials must be received no later than Saturday, August 31, 2024.**  
Send nominations via e-mail to:

Stephen Lucas, CALAFCO Executive Officer  
[slucas@buttecounty.net](mailto:slucas@buttecounty.net)

**You may contact Steve Lucas, CALAFCO Executive Officer, at [slucas@buttecounty.net](mailto:slucas@buttecounty.net) or (530) 538-7784 with any questions.**

#### **Members of the 2024 CALAFCO Board of Directors Awards Committee**

##### **Board Members:**

*Blake Inscore*, Committee Chair (Del Norte LAFCO, Northern Region)  
*Rodrigo Espinosa* (Merced LAFCO, Central Region)  
*Kenneth Leary* (Napa LAFCO, Coastal Region)  
*Anita Paque* (Calaveras LAFCO, Central Region)

##### **Regional Officer Members:**

*Steve Lucas*, CALAFCO Executive Officer (Northern Region)  
*José Henriquez*, CALAFCO Deputy Executive Officer (Central Region)  
*Dawn Longoria*, CALAFCO Deputy Executive Officer (Coastal Region)  
*Gary Thompson*, CALAFCO Deputy Executive Officer (Southern Region)

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##### **Attachments:**

- Achievement Award categories, nomination and selection criteria
- Listing of prior Achievement Award recipients
- 2024 Achievement Award nomination form (separate file)



## CALAFCO ACHIEVEMENT AWARD CATEGORIES, NOMINATION & SELECTION CRITERIA

Every year, CALAFCO recognizes excellence within the LAFCO community, and among the full membership, by presenting *Achievement Awards* at the CALAFCO Annual Conference. Nominations are now open and being accepted until **Saturday, August 31, 2024** in the following categories:

### OUTSTANDING CALAFCO VOLUNTEER

#### Award Summary:

Recognizes a CALAFCO volunteer who has provided exemplary service **during the year past**. Exemplary service is service which clearly goes above and beyond that which is asked or expected in the charge of their responsibilities. This category may include a CALAFCO Board member, regional officer, program volunteer, or any other requested volunteer.

#### Nomination criteria:

1. Nominee must have volunteered for the Association during the year in which the nomination is being made.
2. Nominee does not have to be a CALAFCO member.
3. Volunteer efforts must have demonstrated the individual going above and beyond what was asked/expected with positive and effective results.
4. Nominee can be a CALAFCO Board member, regional officer, program volunteer or any other volunteer.

#### Selection criteria:

1. Must meet all nomination criteria requirements for consideration.
2. Equal consideration shall be given to each nominee, regardless of their position or role as a volunteer. Only the contributions and outcomes shall be considered, not the individual's position.
3. The extent of the volunteerism and the overall impact to the statewide Association and membership based on that volunteerism shall be considered.
4. Preference may be given to individuals who have not previously received this award and meet all the required criteria.

### OUTSTANDING CALAFCO ASSOCIATE MEMBER

#### Award Summary:

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 role and mission of LAFCOs through its work. Recipient consistently demonstrates a collaborative approach to LAFCO stakeholder engagement.

Further, the individual or firm has a proven commitment to the Association membership through volunteering time and resources to further the cause of LAFCO and CALAFCO.

Nomination criteria:

1. Nominee must be a CALAFCO Associate Member in good standing with the Association.
2. Nominee shall be an Associate Member for the full year in which the nomination is being made.
3. The Associate Member nominated shall have been an Associate Member in good standing with the Association for at least one year prior to the year for which the nomination is being made.
4. As an Associate Member, the nominee may be an individual, firm or agency.
5. The nominee may be an individual within an Associate Member firm or agency.
6. Nominee shall demonstrate that through their work as an Associate Member, the role and mission of LAFCO has been upheld and furthered.
7. Nominee must have proven cooperative and collaborative approaches to situations and solutions that affect LAFCOs statewide as an Associate Member.
8. Proven commitment to the Association's membership as an Associate Member by volunteering resources to the Association during the year in which the nomination is made.

Selection criteria:

1. Must meet all nomination criteria requirements for consideration.
2. Equal consideration shall be given to all nominees that meet the nominating criteria.
3. The level of volunteering time and resources to the Association shall be a consideration with all other nomination criteria.

## OUTSTANDING COMMISSIONER

Award Summary:

Presented to an individual Commissioner for extraordinary service to his or her Commission. Extraordinary service is considered actions above and beyond those required in the course of fulfilling their statutory responsibilities as a Commissioner. It requires consistently demonstrating independent judgment on behalf of the interest of the entire county, developing innovative and collaborative solutions to local issues, and leading the commission and community by example.

Nomination criteria:

1. Nominee must be a Commissioner of a LAFCO in good standing with the Association.
2. Nominee shall be a Commissioner for the full year in which the nomination is being made.
3. Proven demonstration of consistently exercising independent judgment for the greater good of the County is required.
4. Proven leadership of the commission and the community through collaborative, innovative and creative solutions to local issues is required.
5. Proven effective results and outcomes shall be demonstrated in the nomination.

Selection criteria:

1. Must meet all nomination criteria requirements for consideration.
2. Equal consideration shall be given to all nominees that meet the nominating criteria.
3. Representation type (city-county-district-public) shall not be a consideration nor shall be the size or geographic area of the LAFCO on which the Commissioner serves.

4. The overall impact of the leadership of the Commissioner shall be considered.
5. Preference may be given to individuals who have not previously received this award and meet all the required criteria.

## OUTSTANDING LAFCO PROFESSIONAL

### Award Summary:

Recognizes an Executive Officer, Staff Analyst, Clerk, Legal Counsel or any other LAFCO staff person for exemplary service during the past year. Exemplary service is considered actions which clearly go above and beyond that which is asked, expected, or required in the charge of their LAFCO responsibilities.

### Nomination criteria:

1. Nominee must be a staff person of a LAFCO in good standing with the Association.
2. Nominee shall be a staff person for the full year in which the nomination is being made.
3. As a staff person, the nominee can be either an employee of the LAFCO or a contractor providing employee-type services to the LAFCO.
4. Efforts must be demonstrated that the individual has consistently gone above and beyond or outside the scope of their role or job responsibilities, with proven results that otherwise would not have occurred.

### Selection criteria:

1. Must meet all nomination criteria requirements for consideration.
2. Equal consideration shall be given to all nominees that meet the nominating criteria.
3. Position within a LAFCO shall not be a consideration, nor shall be the size or geographic area of the LAFCO.
4. The overall impact of the LAFCO professional to their LAFCO and the greater community shall be considered.
5. Preference may be given to individuals who have not previously received this award and meet all the required criteria.

## LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

### Award Summary:

Recognizes any individual who has made extraordinary contributions to the statewide LAFCO community in terms of longevity of service, exemplary advocacy of LAFCO-related legislation, proven leadership in approaching a particular issue or issues, and demonstrated support in developing and implementing innovative and creative ways to support the goals of LAFCOs throughout California. At a minimum, the individual should be involved in the LAFCO community for at least twenty (20) years.

### Nomination criteria:

1. Nomination must be received from a member LAFCO or Associate Member in good standing with the Association.
2. A minimum of 20 years direct involvement with the LAFCO community is required for

consideration.

3. During that time, nominee shall have a proven positive impact and effect on the support and evolution of LAFCOs statewide.
4. This includes advocacy of LAFCOs statewide through legislation, developing creative and innovative solutions to LAFCO issues that serve beyond their LAFCO to the greater good, and collaborative stakeholder approaches to issues and opportunities to further the cause and mission of LAFCO.

Selection criteria:

1. Must meet all nomination criteria requirements for consideration.
2. Preference may be given to nominees who also have proven experience volunteering for CALAFCO through a regional officer role, serving on committees, serving on the CALAFCO Board, or any other method of volunteering for the Association that serves to promote and support the mission and work of LAFCOs throughout the state.

## LEGISLATOR OF THE YEAR

Award Summary:

Presented to a member of the California State Senate or Assembly in recognition of leadership and valued contributions in support of LAFCO goals that have a statewide effect. The recipient shall have demonstrated clear support and effort to further the cause and ability of LAFCOs to fulfill their statutory mission. Selected by CALAFCO Board by super majority.

Nomination criteria:

1. Nominee shall be a California State legislator during the full year in which the nomination was made.
2. Nominee must have demonstrated extraordinary leadership in the Legislature on behalf of LAFCOs statewide, with efforts resulting in a positive impact for all LAFCOs.

Selection criteria:

1. Must meet all nomination criteria requirements for consideration.
2. All Legislator of the Year nominations shall be forwarded by the Achievement Awards Committee to the Board for consideration.
3. Selection of the recipient of this award shall be done with a super majority approval of the Board (present at the time of the vote).

## MIKE GOTCH EXCELLENCE IN PUBLIC SERVICE AWARD

Award Summary:

Awarded to an individual, group or agency for actions that rise above expected or common functions or actions that are LAFCO-related; *and* reduce or eliminate common institutional roadblocks; *and* result in a truly extraordinary public service outcome. Individuals, a LAFCO, or collaborative effort among multiple LAFCOs or a LAFCO with other entities are eligible. Other entities shall be decision-making bodies at the local, regional or state level. This award has two distinct categories, each focusing on a specific area:

1. *Protection of agricultural and open space lands and prevention of sprawl*

2. *Innovation, collaboration, outreach and effective support of the evolution and viability of local agencies, promotion of efficient and effective delivery of municipal services*

Award categories:

- **Protection of agricultural and open space lands and prevention of sprawl**

Includes the development and implementation of programs or other actions associated with agriculture, water, flood control, parks and recreation, habitat conservation plans and public lands. Demonstrates the recipient has identified, encouraged and ensured the preservation of agricultural and open space lands. Proven actions that encourage cities, counties and special districts to direct development away from all types of agricultural lands, including prime agricultural lands and open space lands. Includes demonstrated consideration given in decisions to Regional Transportation Plans, including sustainable communities strategies and other growth plans to ensure reliable services, orderly growth, and sustainable communities.

- **Innovation, collaboration, outreach and effective support of the evolution and viability of local agencies, promotion of efficient and effective delivery of municipal services**

Includes the development and implementation of innovative support and systems within internal LAFCO operations in the support of local agencies. Actions produce systemic and sustainable improvements and innovation of local government. Proven facilitation of constructive discussions with local and regional agencies and proactive outreach to local and regional agencies as well as local stakeholders and communities to identify issues and solutions and demonstrated action as a coordinating agency in offering and supporting unique local solutions to meet local challenges. Successful demonstration of development of capacities and abilities of local agencies. Provide tools and resources to local agencies to address aging infrastructure, fiscal challenges and the maintenance of existing services. Demonstrated action to streamline the provision of local services with proven results that services are consistent or have been improved as a result, with little to no increased cost to the consumer. Focused efforts and proven results to ensure delivery of services to all communities, especially disadvantaged communities.

Nomination criteria:

1. Clear demonstration that the actions rise above expected or common functions or actions.
2. The actions reduced or eliminated common institutional roadblocks.
3. The actions clearly proven a truly extraordinary public service outcome that is systemic and sustainable.
4. Identified unique circumstances and factors leading to the solution/project.
5. The innovative steps taken by the LAFCO or entity/entities/individual to solve the problem, overcome the situation, or to take action.
6. Clear description of the results/outcomes of the work and the short- and long-term effects.
7. How this work can be promoted as a LAFCO best practice.
8. Clear demonstration how this nomination meets all criteria.

Selection Criteria:

1. Must meet all nomination criteria requirements for consideration.
2. Equal consideration shall be given to each nominee within each category. The size or geographic area of the LAFCO within a given category shall not be a consideration.
3. The overall impact of the actions and outcomes to the greater community being served shall be considered.
4. The level of impact based on the required nomination criteria shall be considered.

**QUALIFYING PERIOD: *With the exception of the Lifetime Achievement Award, all nominated projects or acts of service must have occurred or been completed between August 18, 2023, and August 15, 2024.***



## **PREVIOUS CALAFCO ACHIEVEMENT AWARD RECIPIENTS**

### **2023**

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Lifetime Achievement Award:	<b>Dawn Mittleman Longoria</b> , Napa LAFCO
Outstanding Commissioner	<b>Richard Bettencourt</b> , San Benito LAFCO
Outstanding LAFCO Professional	Two-Way Tie: <b>José C. Henriquez</b> , Sacramento LAFCO <b>Andrea Ozdy</b> , Ventura LAFCO
Outstanding Associate Member	<b>Colantuono, Highsmith &amp; Whatley</b>
Outstanding Volunteer	<b>Anita Paque</b> , Calaveras LAFCO
Mike Gotch Award - Agriculture Innovation	<b>Napa LAFCO</b> <b>Tom Cooley</b> , Plumas LAFCO

### **2022**

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Outstanding Commissioner	<b>Don Saylor</b> , Yolo LAFCO
Outstanding LAFCO Professional	<b>Carolyn Emery</b> , Orange LAFCO
Mike Gotch Award - Innovation, Collaboration, And Outreach	Two-Way Tie: <b>Cristine Crawford</b> , Yolo LAFCO, and <b>Erica Sanchez</b> , El Dorado LAFCO & <b>Amanda Ross</b> , South Fork Consulting, LLC

### **2020 – 2021** (2 year period due to the pandemic)

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Outstanding Associate Member	<b>Planwest Partners</b>
Outstanding Commissioner	<b>Olin Woods</b> , Yolo LAFCO
Outstanding LAFCO Professional	<b>Crystal Craig</b> , Riverside LAFCO
Mike Gotch Protection of Ag and Open Space Lands & Prevention of Urban Sprawl	<b>Napa LAFCO</b>
Mike Gotch Courage & Innovation in Local Government Leadership Award	<b>Yolo LAFCO</b>
Lifetime Achievement Award	<b>Jerry Glabach</b> , Los Angeles LAFCO

### **2019**

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Distinguished Service Award	<b>Charley Wilson</b> , Orange LAFCO
Most Effective Commission	<b>Contra Costa LAFCO</b>
Outstanding Commissioner	<b>Jim DeMartini</b> , Stanislaus LAFCO
Outstanding LAFCO Professional	<b>David Church</b> , San Luis Obispo LAFCO
Project of the Year	<b>Orange LAFCO</b> , for <i>San Juan Capistrano Utilities MSR</i>
Government Leadership Award	<b>CA State Water Resources Control Board</b> , Los Angeles County and <b>Los Angeles LAFCO</b> , for <i>Sativa Water District</i>
Mike Gotch Courage & Innovation in Local Government Leadership Award	<b>Butte LAFCO</b>
Legislator of the Year	<b>Assembly Member Mike Gipson</b>
Lifetime Achievement Award	<b>John Benoit</b> , various LAFCOs, <b>Jurg Heuberger</b> , Imperial LAFCO

## 2018

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Distinguished Service Award	John Withers, Orange LAFCO
Most Effective Commission	Santa Clara LAFCO
Outstanding Commissioner	Margie Mohler, Napa LAFCO
Outstanding LAFCO Professional	George Williamson, Del Norte LAFCO
Outstanding LAFCO Clerk	Elizabeth Valdez, Riverside LAFCO
Outstanding CALAFCO Associate Member	Best Best & Krieger
Project of the Year	Lake LAFCO, water services consolidation
Government Leadership Award	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 Gotch Courage & Innovation in Local Government Leadership Award	Mike Ott, San Diego LAFCO
Legislator of the Year	Assembly Member Anna Caballero
Lifetime Achievement Award	Pat McCormick, Santa Cruz LAFCO, George Spiliotis, Riverside LAFCO

## 2017

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Most Effective Commission	Los Angeles LAFCO
Outstanding CALAFCO Member	Sblend Sblendorio, Alameda LAFCO
Outstanding Commissioner	John Marchand, Alameda LAFCO
Outstanding LAFCO Professional	Paul Novak, Los Angeles LAFCO
Outstanding LAFCO Clerk	Richelle Beltran, Ventura LAFCO
Outstanding CALAFCO Associate Member	Policy Consulting Associates
Project of the Year	County Services MSR, Butte LAFCO, and Santa Rosa Annexation, Sonoma LAFCO
Government Leadership Award	San Luis Obispo County Public Works Dept.
Lifetime Achievement Award	Kathy Rollings McDonald (San Bernardino)

## 2016

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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

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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

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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: 50<sup>th</sup> 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

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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

Government Leadership Award

**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

**Orange County LAFCO Community Islands Taskforce**, Orange LAFCO

Legislators of the Year Award  
Lifetime Achievement Award

**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

**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

**Mike McKeever**, Executive Director, SACOG

Distinguished Service Award

**Carl Leverenz**, Commissioner and Chair, Butte

LAFCo Most Effective Commission

**San Bernardino LAFCO**

Outstanding CALAFCO Member

**Keene Simonds**, Executive Officer, Napa LAFCO

Outstanding Commissioner

**Louis R. Calcagno**, Monterey LAFCO

Outstanding LAFCO Professional

**June Savala**, Deputy Executive Officer, Los Angeles LAFCO

Outstanding LAFCO Clerk

**Debbie Shubert**, Ventura LAFCO

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**

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

## 2005

Outstanding CALAFCO Member	<b>Peter Herzog</b> , CALAFCO Board, Orange LAFCO
Distinguished Service Award	<b>Elizabeth Castro Kemper</b> , Yolo LAFCO
Most Effective Commission Award	<b>Ventura LAFCO</b>
Outstanding Commissioner Award	<b>Art Aseltine</b> , Yuba LAFCO <b>Henri Pellissier</b> , Los Angeles LAFCO
Outstanding LAFCO Professional Award	<b>Bruce Baracco</b> , San Joaquin LAFCO
Outstanding LAFCO Clerk Award	<b>Danielle Ball</b> , Orange LAFCO
Project of the Year Award	<b>San Diego LAFCO</b> MSR of Fire Protection and Emergency Medical Services
Outstanding Government Leadership Award	<b>Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG)</b>

## 2004

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

## 2003

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

## 2002

Outstanding CALAFCO Member	<b>Ken Lee</b> , CALAFCO Legislative Committee Chair
Most Effective Commission Award	<b>San Diego LAFCO</b> Outstanding
Commissioner Award	<b>Ed Snively</b> , Imperial LAFCO
Outstanding LAFCO Professional Award	<b>Paul Hood</b> , San Luis Obispo LAFCO
Outstanding LAFCO Clerk Award	<b>Danielle Ball</b> , Orange LAFCO

Project of the Year Award  
Outstanding Government Leadership Award

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

## 2000

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

## 1999

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

## 1998

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

## 1997

Most Effective Commission Award	<b>Orange LAFCO</b>
Outstanding Executive Officer Award	<b>George Finney, Tulare LAFCO</b>



Outstanding Staff Analysis

Outstanding Government Leadership Award

Most Creative Solution to a Multi-Jurisdictional Problem

Legislator of the Year Award

**Annamaria Perrella, Contra Costa LAFCO**

**South County Issues Discussion Group**

**Alameda LAFCO and Contra Costa LAFCO**

**Assembly Member Tom Torlakson**



## Achievement Award 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 Volunteer
- ☐ Outstanding CALAFCO Associate Member
- ☐ Outstanding Commissioner
- ☐ Outstanding LAFCo Professional

**Mike Gotch Excellence in Public Service** (choose one category below)

- ☐ *Protection of agricultural and open space lands and prevention of sprawl*
- ☐ *Innovation, collaboration, outreach and effective support of the evolution and viability of local agencies, promotion of efficient and effective delivery of municipal services*
- ☐ Legislator of the Year (must be approved by the full CALAFCO Board)
- ☐ Lifetime Achievement Award

**NOMINATION SUBMITTED BY:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

In no more than 250 words, summarize why this recipient is the most deserving of this award.

**NOMINATION SUMMARY**

Please indicate the reasons why this person or agency deserves to be recognized (this section must be no more than 1,000 words or 2 pages maximum. Attach 2nd page, if needed.)