

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:**

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*Rodrigo Espinosa* (Merced LAFCO, Central Region)  
*Kenneth Leary* (Napa LAFCO, Coastal 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 innovate 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:	Dawn Mittleman Longoria, Napa LAFCO
Outstanding Commissioner	Richard Bettencourt, San Benito LAFCO
Outstanding LAFCO Professional	Two-Way Tie: José C. Henriquez, Sacramento LAFCO Andrea Ozdy, Ventura LAFCO
Outstanding Associate Member	Colantuono, Highsmith & Whatley
Outstanding Volunteer	Anita Paque, Calaveras LAFCO
Mike Gotch Award - Agriculture Innovation	Napa LAFCO Tom Cooley, Plumas LAFCO

### 2022

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

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

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

### 2019

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

**2018**

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

**2017**

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

**2016**

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

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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**

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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**

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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

**Helen Thompson**, Commissioner, Yolo LAFCO

**Kathleen Rollings-McDonald**, Executive Officer, San Bernardino LAFCO

**Bob Braitman**, Executive Officer, Santa Barbara LAFCO

**Tulare LAFCO**

**Roger Anderson, Ph.D.**, CALAFCO Chair, Santa Cruz LAFCO

**George Lange**, Ventura LAFCO

**Harry Ehrlich**, Government Consultant, San Diego LAFCO

**Candie Fleming**, Fresno LAFCO

**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**

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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, Lone, Plymouth & Sutter Creek; Amador County; Amador Water Agency; Pine Grove CSD** – Countywide MSR Project

Legislator of the Year Award

**Assembly Member Jim Silva**

**2008**

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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**

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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**

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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 Calemine</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>

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**2005**

Outstanding CALAFCO Member	<b>Peter Herzog</b> , CALAFCO Board, Orange LAFCO
<b>Distinguished Service Award</b>	<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>

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**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

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**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>

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**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  
 Distinguished Service Award  
**Outstanding Commissioner Award**  
 Outstanding LAFCO Professional Award  
 Project of the Year Award  
 Outstanding Government Leadership Award  
 Legislator of the Year Award

**SR Jones, CALAFCO Executive Officer**  
**David Martin, Tax Area Services Section, State Board of Equalization**  
**H. Peter Faye, Yolo LAFCO**  
**Ingrid Hansen, San Diego LAFCO**  
**Santa Barbara LAFCO**  
**Alameda County Board of Supervisors, Livermore City Council, Pleasanton City Council**  
**Senator Jack O'Connell**

**2000**

Outstanding CALAFCO Member  
 Distinguished Service Award  
**Most Effective Commission Award**  
 Outstanding Commissioner  
 Outstanding LAFCO Professional Award  
 Outstanding LAFCO Clerk Award  
 Project of the Year Award  
 Legislator of the Year Award

**Ron Wootton, CALAFCO Board Chair**  
**Ben Williams, Commission on Local Governance for the 21st Century**  
**Yolo LAFCO**  
**Rich Gordon, San Mateo LAFCO**  
**Annamaria Perrella, Contra Costa LAFCO**  
**Susan Stahmann, El Dorado LAFCO**  
**San Diego LAFCO**  
**Robert Hertzberg, Assembly Member**

**1999**

Distinguished Service Award  
 Most Effective Commission Award  
 Outstanding Executive Officer Award  
 Outstanding LAFCO Clerk Award  
 Most Creative Solution to a Multi-Jurisdictional Problem  
 Outstanding Government Leadership Award  
 Legislator of the Year Award

**Marilyn Ann Flemmer-Rodgers, Sacramento LAFCO**  
**Orange LAFCO**  
**Don Graff, Alameda LAFCO**  
**Dory Adams, Marin LAFCO**  
**San Diego LAFCO**  
**Assembly Member John Longville**  
**Assembly Member Robert Hertzberg**

**1998**

Outstanding CALAFCO Member  
 Distinguished Service Award  
 Most Effective Commission Award  
 Outstanding Executive Officer Award  
 Outstanding Staff Analysis  
 Outstanding Government Leadership Award

**Dana Smith, Orange LAFCO**  
**Marvin Panter, Fresno LAFCO**  
**San Diego LAFCO**  
**George Spiliotis, Riverside LAFCO**  
**Joe Convery, San Diego LAFCO**  
**Joyce Crosthwaite, Orange LAFCO**  
**Santa Clara County Planning Department**

**1997**

Most Effective Commission Award  
 Outstanding Executive Officer Award

**Orange LAFCO**  
**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**

