California Trails and Greenways Conference Annual Awards

- Have you participated in a great trail/greenway event that deserves recognition by your colleagues?
- Do you know of, or have you been part of, an active trail/greenway program that has benefited trails and greenways?
- Are you aware of a unique trail/greenway project that recently achieved a significant milestone?
- Do you know of an exceptional leader we should recognize for volunteering a considerable amount of his or her personal time over the past 25+ years on behalf of California trails/greenways?
- Do you know a parks/trails professional that should be recognized for their work over the past 25+ years to further the cause of trails/greenways in the State that qualifies for a lifetime achievement award?
- Have you seen a trails/greenway website that provides great information in an entertaining format?
- Do you know of a volunteer or elected official who has devoted at least 7 years in promoting/supporting a particular trail or trail network that qualifies for a CRTC award?

Then please send in your nomination! The Conference Awards Committee is seeking nominees for recognition at the Trails & Greenways Conference. This is your opportunity to bring acknowledgement and appreciation to those individuals, organizations or agencies that deserve our praise for providing the most outstanding efforts to promote, enhance, or expand public awareness and use of trails/greenways in California. Any individual, organization, or agency may make a nomination in any one or more of the following award categories. Except for the Lifetime Achievement Awards and California Recreational Trails Committee Award, all nominees must be agencies or organizations, not individuals. Nominations for awards can be submitted anytime throughout the year. Only nominations received two months prior to the Trails and Greenways Conference will be considered for an award that year. Candidates nominated will be awarded at the California Trails and Greenways Conference.

Lifetime Achievement Award	Presented to an individual who has volunteered a considerable amount of personal time over the past 25 or more years on behalf of trails/greenways, and who has been a leader with statewide impact on trails/greenways in California. This category is not necessarily recognized every year.
Trail/Greenway Merit Award (Event)	Given in recognition of a special and successful trail/greenway event. Nominees should be organizations or agencies that initiated and implemented the event. *Note: California Trail Days and National Trails Day events*

	are eligible for nomination in this category.
Trail/Greenway Merit Award (Program)	Given in recognition of an important trail/greenway program that continues to be active. Nominees should be the organizations or agencies that initiated and implemented the program.
Trail/Greenway Merit Award (Project)	Given in recognition of a unique trail/greenway project that reached a significant milestone. Nominees should be the organizations or agencies that initiated and implemented the project.
Trail/Greenway Website Award	Presented to the trails/greenway website that has achieved overall excellence through design and concept.
Lifetime Professional Achievement Award	Presented to a professional park/trails individual who has worked over the past 25+ years to plan, develop and promote trails on a local and statewide basis. This category is not necessarily recognized every year.
California Recreational Trails Committee Award	See attached sheet regarding details and special required nomination information for this award.

TO SUBMIT A NOMINATION:

1. Complete the attached application.
2. Confine nominations to a one-page letter with no more than two attachments (brochures, maps, videos, photographs, articles, publicity, letters of endorsements, etc.) Do not have endorsement letters sent separately. Please provide 8 copies of your application package for distribution to the judges.
3. Send your nomination package to:

California State Parks/Statewide Trails
Trail Awards
P.O. Box 942896
Sacramento, CA 94296-0001

Those accepting awards on behalf of agencies or organizations will be given an opportunity to publicly recognize the key individuals who were important to the success of the event, program or project.

If you have any questions, please call Doug Wilber at (916) 651-6916

The California Recreational Trails Committee (CRTC) Award

The intent behind this award is to recognize private citizens and elected officials who have made significant contributions in support of trails in California. Through this kind of high visibility recognition involving selection by appointees of Governor, others may be inspired to a high level of commitment to the expansion of California's trail network and its programs.

This award will be given to a person (not an event, program or trail). Only non-trail professionals are eligible. Those employed by a public agency, non-profit or a private business whose primary job is trail related are **not** eligible. Those holding elected office are eligible. The award is not open to anyone who has previously received any state, national or international trail award. The award is open to persons representing any user group of trails and urban, suburban or rural interests. Nominees must have been publicly involved with trail issues for at least seven years. Extra consideration will be given for accomplishments related to creation of a specific "product" such as a trail or program.

The application packet for this award must contain the following:

- an application form which would provide the following information about the nominee:
    - number of years active with trail issues
    - user group most closely identified with (if any)
    - hometown
    - occupation
    - significant trail related activities that support this award
    - contact information for the person making the nomination
    - at least three letters of endorsement
    - other material indicating the nominee's contributions to trails

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Nomination Form

Name/Project: _____

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Award Category:

- ❑ Lifetime Achievement Award
- ❑ Lifetime Professional Achievement Award
- ❑ Trail/Greenway Merit Award (Event)
- ❑ Trail/Greenway Merit Award (Program)
- ❑ Trail/Greenway Merit Award (Project)
- ❑ Trail/Greenway Website Award
- ❑ California Recreational Trails Committee Award

Person making nomination:

Name: _____
Phone number: _____
Address: _____
City, state, zip: _____

Contact person (to answer questions regarding nomination if different from above):

Name: _____
Phone number: _____
Address: _____
City, state, zip: _____

To be eligible for consideration, please provide 8 copies of your application packet. The application packet must include:

- This cover sheet, and
- A one-page typed double-spaced letter supporting your nomination.
- You may also include no more than two types of attachments (brochures, maps, articles, publicity, letter of endorsements, etc.). Do not have letters of support sent separately.