



CALIFORNIA TRAILS & GREENWAYS CONFERENCE

AWARDS PROGRAM



April 6-8, 2016
Riverside Convention Center

MERIT AWARDS-DEVELOPMENT

WINNERS

CITY OF LOS ANGELES

Los Angeles Riverfront Park, Phase II, Segment 1

Phase II of Segment I in L.A. Riverfront Park converted a maintenance-only access road into a verdant multi-purpose linear park. This innovative half-mile trail not only provides much needed river access and recreational opportunities for the community, but performs as a water treatment system – capturing and cleaning storm water runoff before releasing it back to the river. The pathway meanders through native vegetation, providing a rich experience for pedestrians, joggers, bicyclists, and dog walkers.

CITY OF SANTEE

Walker Preserve Trail

Santee's construction of the Walker Preserve Trail represents a significant milestone in the decades-long effort to complete a 52-mile-long trail along the San Diego River from the Cuyamaca Mountains to the Pacific Ocean. Completed in June 2015, the trail traverses 1.3 miles along the river, connecting with an additional two miles of riverfront trail in the community of Lakeside providing permanent public access across a stretch of riverfront property that was previously privately owned and fenced off.

HONORABLE MENTION

SONOMA COUNTY TRAILS COUNCIL

Trails for Taylor Mountain Partnership

Through a partnership between Sonoma County Regional Parks, Sonoma County Regional Parks Foundation, and Sonoma County Trails Council, the Redtail Trail at Taylor Mountain Regional Park and Open Space Preserve was constructed using volunteers and community funding and dedicated on June 13, 2015. The 1.25 mile multi-use loop trail connects a new parking area with the park's existing trail system. Over 300 volunteers contributed nearly 1,500 hours towards the construction of the trail.

MERIT AWARDS – ACQUISITION

WINNER

SANTA CLARA VALLEY OPEN SPACE AUTHORITY

Coyote Ridge Property Acquisition

In July 2015, after nearly three years of negotiations and fund-raising, the Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority purchased the 1,831-acre United Technologies Corporation's Coyote Ridge Property, one of the most significant natural areas in the heart of Silicon Valley. The property will be managed to protect and restore habitat for 14 endangered species, and to provide multi-use trails to connect the County's 1.8 million residents to nature.

MERIT AWARDS – KIDS AND TRAILS

WINNERS

PLUMAS COUNTY SCHOOLS

Learning Landscapes

The Plumas County Office of Education's Learning Landscapes Program achieved significant milestones in 2015. Through this program several miles of trails were constructed and full school participation was achieved, introducing over 2,900 students to outdoor environments within easy reach of their schools. Created in 2013, Learning Landscapes is a place-based education and stewardship program established in rural, mountainous Northeastern California.

WARNER SPRINGS COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER

Warner Springs Kids Going "Wild"

Last year the Warner Springs Community Resource Center created the Warner Springs Kids Going "Wild" program to bring seniors and other volunteers together to teach school children about the Pacific Crest Trail (PCT), which passes right through the community and adjacent to the school. A series of five classroom sessions and an outdoor demonstration of pack mules were developed for students grades K-12 (ages 3 to 18). The demonstrations prepared students for hikes, including backpacking, along the PCT. Woven into these demonstrations were lessons on geography, mapping, wildlife, and the history of the trail. The program engaged a diverse population including many Native American children from the adjacent Los Coyotes Indian Reservation.

HONORABLE MENTION

LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

FamCamp

On April 1, 2014 California State Parks and the Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation launched the first locally operated FamCamp Program at Castaic Lake State Recreation Area in Southern California. Under this two-year pilot program, LA County staff coordinated with the State Parks' Office of Community Involvement to provide camping opportunities for Southern California families who would not otherwise have the opportunity to enjoy a camping experience.

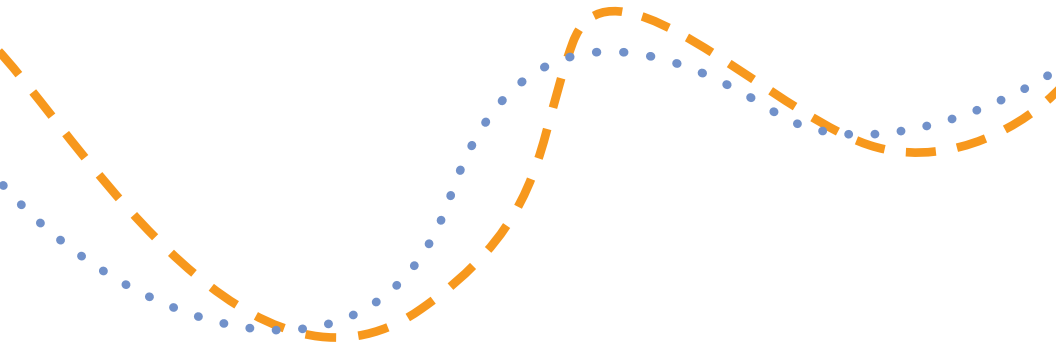
MERIT AWARDS – PLANNING

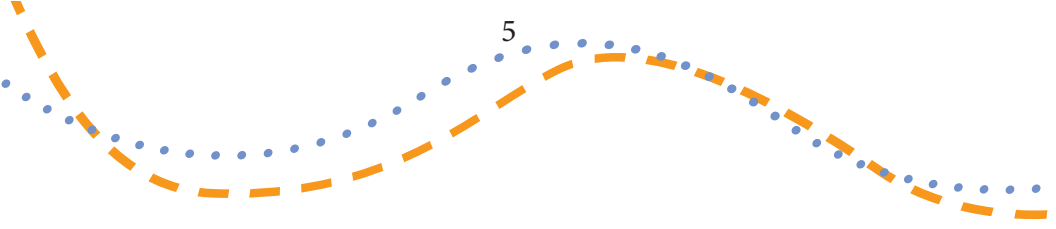
WINNER

COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE REGIONAL PARKS AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT

County of Riverside Regional Parks and Open Space District

The Box Springs Mountain Reserve Comprehensive Trails Master Plan was a unique opportunity to design a sustainable open space trail network from the ground up. The planning team assessed existing trails and staging areas, designed new trails, evaluated open space connectivity with neighboring communities, parks, schools and regional trails, and developed sustainable trail design and maintenance standards. Trail planning highlights include new circumference trails that will provide direct access to the trail network via neighborhood trailheads around the mountain.





MERIT AWARDS – PROGRAM

WINNER

CITY OF SAN DIEGO PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Mission Trails Regional Park's 5-Peak Challenge

The 5-Peak Challenge is a program designed to assist in reducing traffic on Cowles Mountain by encouraging hikers to venture onto some of the less utilized trails on the five highest summits at Mission Trails Regional Park. Park Rangers Levi Dean and Heidi Gutknecht designed the challenge to be accessible to both novice and veteran hikers. On Saturday, November 7, 2015, officials from the City and County of San Diego announced the challenge and since then 845 participants have completed the challenge.

MERIT AWARDS – SOCIAL MEDIA, WEBSITES, AND TECHNOLOGY

WINNER

MAMMOTH LAKES RECREATION

Mammoth Lakes Trails System Website

The Mammoth Trails website creatively integrates its online assets with on-the-trail resources. The site is the product of a collaboration between the non-profit MammothTrails.org, the Town of Mammoth Lakes, and the Inyo National Forest. Providing excellent, comprehensive information for more than 300 miles of local and regional trails, 67 destinations, and 28 different activity types-- from bird-watching to off-highway- vehicles— MammothTrails.org serves to educate and broaden guests' experiences.

PAST WINNERS OF CALIFORNIA TRAILS AND GREENWAYS CONFERENCE LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS:

LIFETIME VOLUNTEER ACHIEVEMENT

1994- *George Cardinet*

1996- *Hulet Hornbeck*

1997- *Vie and George Obern*

1998- *Claude A. (Tony) and Mildred Look*

1999- *Ilse Byrnes*

2005- *Barbara Weitz and William (Bill) Bliss*

2007- *John and Arvie Degenfelder*

2009- *Ron Brown*

2010- *John Olmsted and Michael Kelley*

2013- *Elizabeth "Liz" Blackwelder*

2014- *Lauralee Svensgaard and Jim Hasenauer*

LIFETIME PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENT

1995- *Ross Henry*

2000-2001- *Charlie Willard*

2001-2002- *Greg Wells and Steve Fiala*

2005- *Doug Andrews*

2006- *Bill Haire*

2008- *Peter Lewis*

2009- *Don Beers, Bob Doyle and Karl Knapp*

2010- *Steve Diers*

2012- *Terry Hanson*

2015- *Dick Troy*

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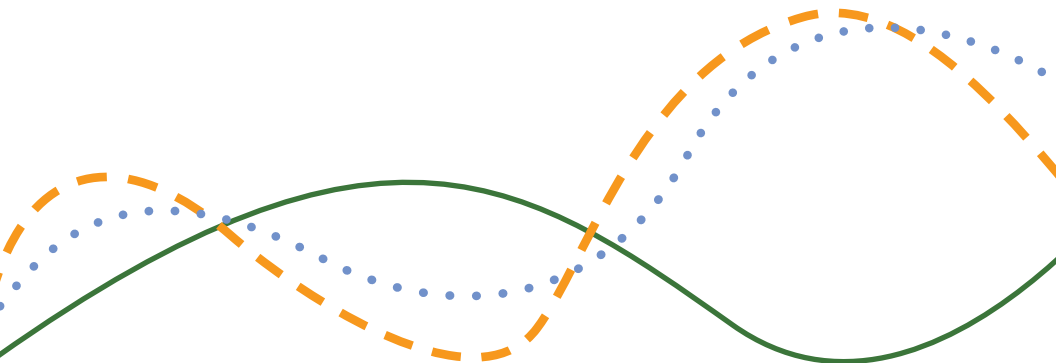
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2016 AWARD NOMINATIONS

California Trails & Greenways Conference

Do you know of individuals or projects currently underway that are worthy of special recognition? The Conference Awards Committee will release nomination information for next year's awards in October 2016.

These awards are your opportunity to bring acknowledgement and appreciation to the individuals, organizations, agencies, and businesses that, through hard work, integrity, and social responsibility, have made outstanding contributions that promote, enhance, or expand public awareness and use of trails and greenways in California during calendar year 2016.

**FULL DETAILS ABOUT THE AWARDS PROGRAM
CAN BE FOUND ON OUR WEBSITE AT:**

www.parks.ca.gov/trails/conference

CALIFORNIA TRAILS & GREENWAYS FOUNDATION **2015 GRANT RECIPIENT**

Placer Land Trust: "Canyon View Trail Enhancement Project"

Information on the 2016 California Trails & Greenways Foundation grants can be found at ctgf.org.



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