

**Date:** 25 May, 2018

**To:** LAFCo Commissioners and Staff  
CALAFCO Members  
Other Interested Organizations

**From:** CALAFCO Achievement Awards Committee

**Subject:** **2018 CALAFCO Achievement Award Nominations**

**CALAFCO  
2018  
AWARDS**



Each year, CALAFCO recognizes outstanding achievements by dedicated and committed individuals and/or organizations from throughout the state at the Annual Conference Achievement Awards Ceremony.

Recognizing individual and organizational achievements is an important responsibility. It provides visible recognition and support to those who go above and beyond in their work to advance the principles and goals of the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Act. We invite you to use this opportunity to nominate the individuals and organizations you feel deserve this important recognition. *Please carefully review the nomination instructions and note the form has changed with the addition of a new section.*

To make a nomination, please use the following procedure:

1. Nominations may be made by an individual, a LAFCo, a CALAFCO Associate Member, or any other organization. There is no limit to the number of nominations you can submit.
2. Please use a separate form (attached) for each nomination. Nominations must be submitted with a completed nomination form. The form is your opportunity to highlight the most important points of your nomination.
3. Nominations must be limited to no more than 1500 words or 3 pages in length maximum. You are encouraged to write them in a clear, concise and understandable manner. If the Awards Committee members require additional information, you will be contacted with that request. Any nomination received that exceeds this amount will be returned.
4. All supporting information (e.g. reports, news articles, etc.) must be submitted with the nomination. Limit supporting documentation to no more than 5 pages. If the Awards Committee members require additional information, you will be contacted with that request. Any nomination received that exceeds this amount will be returned.
5. All nomination materials must be submitted at one time and must be received by the deadline. Electronic submittals are encouraged.
6. **Nominations and supporting materials must be received no later than 5:00 p.m., Friday, August 3, 2018.** Send nominations via e-mail, or U.S. mail to:

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Members of the 2018 CALAFCO Board of Directors Awards Committee are:

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Please contact Steve Lucas, CALAFCO Executive Officer, at slucas@calafco.org or (530) 538-7784 with any questions. A list of the previous Achievement Award recipients is attached to this announcement.



## **Nomination Form**

**NOMINEE - Person or Agency Being Nominated:**

Name:

Organization:

Address:

Phone:

E-mail:

**NOMINATION CATEGORY** (check one – see category criteria on attached sheet)

- Outstanding CALAFCO Member
- Most Effective Commission
- Outstanding Commissioner
- Outstanding LAFCo Professional
- Outstanding LAFCo Clerk
- Outstanding CALAFCO Associate Member
- Project of the Year
- Distinguished Service Award
- Government Leadership Award
- Legislator of the Year (must be approved by the full CALAFCO Board)
- Mike Gotch Courage and Innovation in Local Government Award
- Lifetime Achievement Award

**NOMINATION SUBMITTED BY:**

Name:

Organization:

Address:

Phone:

E-mail:



## **2018 Achievement Award Nominations**

### **NOMINATION SUMMARY**

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

### **ACHIEVEMENTS**

Please indicate the reasons why this person or agency deserves to be recognized (Remember to keep this portion to 1500 words or 3 pages maximum and use additional sheets as needed):



## 2018 Achievement Award Nominations

### **CALAFCO ACHIEVEMENT AWARD CATEGORIES**

CALAFCO recognizes excellence within the LAFCo community and the full membership by presenting the *Achievement Awards* at the CALAFCO Annual Conference. Nominations are being accepted until *Friday, August 3, 2018* in the following categories:

<b>Outstanding CALAFCO Member</b>	Recognizes a CALAFCO Board Member or staff person who has provided exemplary service during the past year.
<b>Distinguished Service Award</b>	Given to a member of the LAFCo community to recognize long-term service by an individual.
<b>Most Effective Commission</b>	Presented to an individual Commission to recognize innovation, streamlining, and/or initiative in implementing LAFCo programs; may also be presented to multiple Commissions for joint efforts.
<b>Outstanding Commissioner</b>	Presented to an individual Commissioner for extraordinary service to his or her Commission.
<b>Outstanding LAFCo Professional</b>	Recognizes an Executive Officer, Staff Analyst, or Legal Counsel for exemplary service during the past year.
<b>Outstanding LAFCo Clerk</b>	Recognizes a LAFCo Clerk for exemplary service during the past year.
<b>Outstanding CALAFCO Associate Member</b>	Presented to an active CALAFCO Associate Member (person or agency) that has advanced or promoted the cause of LAFCos by consistently producing distinguished work that upholds the mission and goals of LAFCos, and has helped elevate the roles and mission of LAFCos through its work. Recipient consistently demonstrates a collaborative approach to LAFCo stakeholder engagement.
<b>Project of the Year</b>	Recognition for a project-specific program that involved complex staff analysis, community involvement, or an outstanding solution.
<b>Government Leadership Award</b>	Presented to a decision-making body at the city, county, special district, regional or state level which has furthered good government efforts in California.
<b>Legislator of the Year</b>	Presented to a member of the California State Senate or Assembly in recognition of leadership and valued contributions in support of LAFCo goals. Selected by CALAFCO Board.
<b>Mike Gotch Courage and Innovation in Local Government Award</b>	Presented to an individual who has taken extraordinary steps to improve and innovate local government. This award is named for Mike Gotch: former Assembly Member, LAFCo Executive Officer and CALAFCO Executive Director responsible for much of the foundations of LAFCo law and CALAFCO. He is remembered as a source of great inspiration for staff and legislators from throughout the state.
<b>Lifetime Achievement Award</b>	Recognizes any individual who has made extraordinary contributions to the LAFCo community in terms of longevity of service, exemplary advocacy of LAFCo-related legislation, proven leadership in approaching a particular issue or issues, and/or demonstrated support in innovative and creative ways of the goals of LAFCos throughout California. At a minimum, the individual should be involved in the LAFCo community for at least ten years.



**CALAFCO ACHIEVEMENT AWARD RECIPIENTS**

**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 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	Yuba County Water Agency
Distinguished Service Award	Mary Jane Griego, Yuba LAFCo
Most Effective Commission	Butte LAFCo
Outstanding CALAFCO Member	Marjorie Blom, formerly of Stanislaus LAFCo
Outstanding Commissioner	Matthew Beekman, formerly of Stanislaus LAFCo
Outstanding LAFCo Professional	Sam Martinez, San Bernardino LAFCo
Outstanding LAFCo Clerk	Terri Tuck, Yolo LAFCo
Project of the Year	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)
Government Leadership Award	The Cities of Dublin, Pleasanton, Livermore and San Ramon, the Dublin San Ramon Services District and the Zone 7 Water Agency
CALAFCO Associate Member of the Year	Michael Colantuono of Colantuono, Highsmith & Whatley
Legislators of the Year Award	Assembly member Chad Mayes
Lifetime Achievement Award	Jim Chapman (Lassen LAFCo) and Chris Tooker (formerly of Sacramento LAFCo)



## 2018 Achievement Award Nominations

### 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

Legislators of the Year Award  
Lifetime Achievement 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

**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



## 2018 Achievement Award Nominations

### 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

Government Leadership Award

Special Achievement

**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

**Nipomo Community Services District and the County of San  
Luis Obispo**

**Chris Tooker**, Sacramento LAFCo and CALAFCO Board of  
Directors

### 2009

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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

Legislator of the Year Award

**Paul Hood**, Executive Officer, San Luis Obispo LAFCo

**William Zumwalt**, Executive Officer, Kings LAFCo  
**Napa LAFCo**

**Susan Vicklund Wilson**, CALAFCO Vice Chair  
**Jerry Gladbach**, CALAFCO Treasurer

**Larry M. Fortune**, Fresno LAFCo

**Pat McCormick**, Santa Cruz LAFCo Executive Officer

**Emmanuel Abello**, Santa Clara LAFCo

**Orange LAFCo** Boundary Report

**Cities of Amador City, Jackson, Ione, Plymouth & Sutter  
Creek; Amador County; Amador Water Agency; Pine  
Grove CSD – Countywide MSR Project**

**Assembly Member Jim Silva**



## 2018 Achievement Award Nominations

### 2008

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Distinguished Service Award	<b>Peter M. Detwiler</b> , Senate Local Government Committee Chief Consultant
Most Effective Commission	<b>Yuba LAFCo</b>
Outstanding Commissioner	<b>Dennis Hansberger</b> , San Bernardino LAFCo
Outstanding LAFCo Professional	<b>Michael Ott</b> , San Diego LAFCo Executive Officer <b>Martha Poyatos</b> , San Mateo Executive Officer
Outstanding LAFCo Clerk	<b>Wilda Turner</b> , Los Angeles LAFCo
Project of the Year	<b>Kings LAFCo</b> City and Community District MSR and SOI Update
Government Leadership Award	<b>San Bernardino Board of Supervisors</b>
Legislator of the Year Award	<b>Assembly Member Anna M. Caballero</b>

### 2007

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Outstanding CALAFCO Member	<b>Kathy Long</b> , Board Chair, Ventura LAFCo
Distinguished Service Award	<b>William D. Smith</b> , San Diego Legal
Counsel Most Effective Commission	<b>Santa Clara LAFCo</b>
Outstanding Commissioner	<b>Gayle Uilkema</b> , Contra Costa LAFCo
Outstanding LAFCo Professional	<b>Joyce Crosthwaite</b> , Orange LAFCo Executive Officer
Outstanding LAFCo Clerk	<b>Debby Chamberlin</b> , San Bernardino LAFCo
Project of the Year	<b>San Bernardino LAFCo and City of Fontana</b> Islands Annexation Program
Government Leadership Award	<b>City of Fontana - Islands Annexation Program</b>
Lifetime Achievement	<b>John T. "Jack" Knox</b>

### 2006

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Outstanding CALAFCO Member	<b>Everett Millais</b> , 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>





## 2018 Achievement Award Nominations

### 2005

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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

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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

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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

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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	<b>San Luis Obispo LAFCo</b>
Outstanding Government Leadership Award	<b>Napa LAFCo</b> , <b>Napa County Farm Bureau</b> , <b>Napa Valley Vintners Association</b> , <b>Napa Valley Housing Authority</b> , <b>Napa County Agricultural Commissioner's Office</b> , <b>Napa County Counsel Office</b> , and <b>Assembly Member Patricia Wiggins</b>



## 2018 Achievement Award Nominations

### 2001

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Outstanding CALAFCO Member	<b>SR Jones</b> , CALAFCO Executive Officer
Distinguished Service Award	<b>David Martin</b> , Tax Area Services Section, State Board of Equalization
Outstanding Commissioner Award	<b>H. Peter Faye</b> , Yolo LAFCo
Outstanding LAFCo Professional Award	<b>Ingrid Hansen</b> , San Diego LAFCo
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

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

### 1999

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Distinguished Service Award	<b>Marilyn Ann Flemmer-Rodgers</b> , Sacramento LAFCo
Most Effective Commission Award	<b>Orange LAFCo</b>
Outstanding Executive Officer Award	<b>Don Graff</b> , Alameda LAFCo
Outstanding LAFCo Clerk Award	<b>Dory Adams</b> , Marin LAFCo
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

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

### 1997

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Most Effective Commission Award	<b>Orange LAFCo</b>
Outstanding Executive Officer Award	<b>George Finney</b> , Tulare LAFCo
Outstanding Staff Analysis	<b>Annamaria Perrella</b> , Contra Costa LAFCo
Outstanding Government Leadership Award	<b>South County Issues Discussion Group</b>
Most Creative Solution to a Multi-Jurisdictional Problem	<b>Alameda LAFCo and Contra Costa LAFCo</b>
Legislator of the Year Award	<b>Assembly Member Tom Torlakson</b>

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