

**Date:** July 10, 2019

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

**From:** CALAFCO Achievement Awards Committee

**Subject:** **2019 CALAFCO Achievement Award Nominations**

**CALAFCO  
2019  
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 the criteria for each category.**

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, September 20, 2019.** Send nominations via e-mail, or U.S. mail to:

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Members of the 2019 CALAFCO Board of Directors Awards Committee are:

*Mike Kelley*, Committee Chair (Imperial LAFCo, Southern Region)  
*Cheryl Brothers* (Orange LAFCo, Southern Region)  
*Debra Lake* (Humboldt LAFCo, Northern Region)  
*Margie Mohler* (Napa LAFCo, Coastal Region)  
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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:



## **2019 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):



## 2019 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 **5:00 p.m., Friday, September 20, 2019** 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**

**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 <b>Santa Rosa Annexation</b> , Sonoma LAFCo <b>San Luis Obispo County Public Works Dept.</b>
Government Leadership Award	<b>Kathy Rollings McDonald</b> (San Bernardino)
Lifetime Achievement Award	

**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)



## 2019 Achievement Award Nominations

### 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

**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



## 2019 Achievement Award Nominations

Government Leadership Award

Legislators of the Year Award

Lifetime Achievement Award

**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

### 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

**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



## 2019 Achievement Award Nominations

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

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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





## 2019 Achievement Award Nominations

Government Leadership Award  
Lifetime Achievement

City of Fontana - Islands Annexation Program  
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

Clark Alsop, CALAFCO Legal Counsel

Most Effective Commission Award

Alameda LAFCo

Outstanding Commissioner Award

Ted Grandsen, Ventura LAFCo

Chris Tooker, Sacramento LAFCo

Outstanding LAFCo Professional Award

Larry Calemine, Los Angeles LAFCo Executive Officer

Outstanding LAFCo Clerk Award

Janice Bryson, San Diego LAFCo

Marilyn Flemmer, Sacramento LAFCo

Project of the Year Award

Sacramento Municipal Utility District Sphere of Influence Amendment and Annexation; Sacramento LAFCo

Outstanding Government Leadership Award

Cities of Porterville, Tulare, and Visalia and Tulare LAFCo Island Annexation Program

Legislator of the Year Award

Senator Christine Kehoe

### 2005

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Outstanding CALAFCO Member

Peter Herzog, CALAFCO Board, Orange LAFCo

Distinguished Service Award

Elizabeth Castro Kemper, Yolo LAFCo

Most Effective Commission Award

Ventura LAFCo

Outstanding Commissioner Award

Art Aseltine, Yuba LAFCo

Henri Pellissier, Los Angeles LAFCo

Outstanding LAFCo Professional Award

Bruce Baracco, San Joaquin LAFCo

Outstanding LAFCo Clerk Award

Danielle Ball, Orange LAFCo

Project of the Year Award

San Diego LAFCo

MSR of Fire Protection and Emergency Medical Services

Outstanding Government Leadership Award

Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG)

### 2004

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Outstanding CALAFCO Member

Scott Harvey, CALAFCO Executive Director

Distinguished Service Award

Julie Howard, Shasta LAFCo

Most Effective Commission Award

San Diego LAFCo

Outstanding Commissioner Award

Edith Johnsen, Monterey LAFCo

Outstanding LAFCo Professional Award

David Kindig, Santa Cruz LAFCo

Project of the Year Award

San Luis Obispo LAFCo

Nipomo CSD SOI Update, MSR, and EIR

### 2003

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Outstanding CALAFCO Member

Michael P. Ryan, CALAFCO Board Member

Distinguished Service Award

Henri F. Pellissier, Los Angeles LAFCo

Most Effective Commission Award

San Luis Obispo LAFCo

Outstanding Commissioner Award

Bob Salazar, El Dorado LAFCo

Outstanding LAFCo Professional Award

Shirley Anderson, San Diego LAFCo

Outstanding LAFCo Clerk Award

Lori Fleck, Siskiyou LAFCo



## 2019 Achievement Award Nominations

Project of the Year Award

**Napa LAFCo**

Comprehensive Water Service Study

Special Achievement Award

**James M. Roddy**

### 2002

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Outstanding CALAFCO Member

**Ken Lee, CALAFCo Legislative Committee Chair**

Most Effective Commission Award

**San Diego LAFCo Outstanding**

Commissioner Award

**Ed Snively, Imperial LAFCo**

Outstanding LAFCo Professional Award

**Paul Hood, San Luis Obispo LAFCo**

Outstanding LAFCo Clerk Award

**Danielle Ball, Orange LAFCo**

Project of the Year Award

**San Luis Obispo LAFCo**

Outstanding Government Leadership Award

**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

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Outstanding CALAFCO Member

**SR Jones, CALAFCO Executive Officer**

Distinguished Service Award

**David Martin, Tax Area Services Section, State Board of Equalization**

Outstanding Commissioner Award

**H. Peter Faye, Yolo LAFCo**

Outstanding LAFCo Professional Award

**Ingrid Hansen, San Diego LAFCo**

Project of the Year Award

**Santa Barbara LAFCo**

Outstanding Government Leadership Award

**Alameda County Board of Supervisors, Livermore City Council, Pleasanton City Council**

Legislator of the Year Award

**Senator Jack O'Connell**

### 2000

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Outstanding CALAFCO Member

**Ron Wootton, CALAFCO Board Chair**

Distinguished Service Award

**Ben Williams, Commission on Local Governance for the 21st Century**

Most Effective Commission Award

**Yolo LAFCo**

Outstanding Commissioner

**Rich Gordon, San Mateo LAFCo**

Outstanding LAFCo Professional Award

**Annamaria Perrella, Contra Costa LAFCo**

Outstanding LAFCo Clerk Award

**Susan Stahmann, El Dorado LAFCo**

Project of the Year Award

**San Diego LAFCo**

Legislator of the Year Award

**Robert Hertzberg, Assembly Member**

### 1999

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Distinguished Service Award

**Marilyn Ann Flemmer-Rodgers, Sacramento LAFCo**

Most Effective Commission Award

**Orange LAFCo**

Outstanding Executive Officer Award

**Don Graff, Alameda LAFCo**

Outstanding LAFCo Clerk Award

**Dory Adams, Marin LAFCo**

Most Creative Solution to a Multi-Jurisdictional Problem

**San Diego LAFCo**

Outstanding Government Leadership Award

**Assembly Member John Longville**

Legislator of the Year Award

**Assembly Member Robert Hertzberg**

### 1998

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

### 1997

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Most Effective Commission Award	Orange LAFCo
Outstanding Executive Officer Award	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

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