

Date: May 24, 2021

To: CALAFCO Members
LAFCo Commissioners and Staff
Other Interested Organizations

From: CALAFCO Achievement Awards Committee

Subject: 2021 CALAFCO Achievement Award Nominations



On behalf of the Association, we are pleased to announce the newly updated CALAFCO Achievement Awards program and the opening of the nomination period. During the past year while the Committee and program were in hiatus due to the pandemic, the program underwent a comprehensive review and update. On April 30, 2021, the Board of Directors unanimously approved and adopted the program.

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. This year's ceremony will be on October 7 at the Hyatt Regency Newport Beach John Wayne Airport, during the awards banquet.

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 based on the criteria outlined. *Please carefully review the nomination instructions and the criteria for each category. Incomplete nominations will not be considered by the Committee, nor will nominations that do not adhere to the submittal guidelines.*

For this year only, the nomination period covers the 2020 and 2021 timeframe. This is because there were no awards last year. This will be a one-time only expansion of the timeframe. ***SPECIFICALLY, THAT IS JULY 1, 2019 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2021. Please ensure your nomination highlights achievements only during this timeframe.***

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.
2. Each nomination must meet the specific award category criteria for consideration. The Committee will not consider any nomination for an award for any category other than the one for which it was submitted. Duplicate nominations *will not be considered by the Committee.*
3. 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.
4. 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.*

5. 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.*
6. 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.
7. **Nominations and supporting materials must be received no later than 3:00 p.m., Friday, August 13, 2021.** Send nominations via e-mail to:

Stephen Lucas, CALAFCO Executive Officer
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AND

Christine Crawford, CALAFCO Deputy Executive Officer
christine.crawford@yolocounty.org

Please contact Steve Lucas, CALAFCO Executive Officer, at slucas@buttecounty.net or (530) 538-7784 with any questions.

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Included as attachments:

- Achievement Awards Program Summary
- 2021 Achievement Award nomination form
- Achievement Award categories, nomination and selection criteria
- Listing of prior Achievement Award recipients





CALAFCO ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS SUMMARY OF PROGRAM CHANGES

AS ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS ON APRIL 30, 2021

Purpose of the changes

There are several goals to updating the CALAFCO Achievement Awards program.

First, nomination criteria did not exist for any award. By adding specific nomination criteria to each award, it will be easier for those considering submittal of a nomination to have clear standards that must be met in order for any nomination to be considered. Further, the criterion creates guidelines for the author of a nomination submittal.

Next, also non-existent were selection criteria. By creating selection criteria for each award, the Awards Committee has clear guidelines by which to review and consider each nomination within a given award category. Each proposed selection criteria is customized to the nomination criteria for that award category. This clear criterion also allows nominators to understand what will be considered by the Awards Committee as the nominations for a given category are considered.

We believe both of these goals create a more transparent and comprehensive Achievement Awards program for our membership.

Additionally, the updated Awards Program does several other things. First, it spotlights achievements *above and beyond* what is expected in the normal course of business. Second, it streamlines the current Award categories. Finally, it links specific achievements back to the mission and purpose of LAFCo, thereby enhancing their value and meaning.

On April 30, 2021, the Board of Directors unanimously approved the updated program. This approval was preceded by months of comprehensive review and work by the Association's Executive Director and Regional Officers, followed by a unanimous approval and recommendation to the Board by the Awards Committee.

Difference of the prior program to the updated program

In addition to the differences noted above, there are other notable differences:

- Prior program had eleven (11) total award categories whereas the updated program has eight (8).
- Eliminated *Distinguished Service Award* (already awarding longevity in *Lifetime Achievement Award*).
- Rolled *Outstanding LAFCo Clerk* into *Outstanding LAFCo Professional* and expanded to all LAFCo personnel. With the new criteria, each LAFCo personnel role shall be treated equally.
- Changed *Outstanding CALAFCO Member* to *Outstanding CALAFCO Volunteer*, thereby excluding "staff person" and expanding scope to all who volunteer for the Association, not just Board or staff.
- Added nomination criteria to *Outstanding CALAFCO Associate Member*.
- Combined the following four awards into one (with two distinct categories): *Most Effective Commission, Project of the Year, Government Leadership Award and Mike Gotch Courage and Innovation in Local Government Award*. These are now the *Mike Gotch Excellence in Public Service Award*.

- Criteria for this new award was taken from all four eliminated awards and tied directly to several aspects of the mission of LAFCo through the creation of the two distinct award subcategories.

Adopted changes to the membership and voting of the Achievement Awards Committee

There are two other changes directly affecting the Awards Committee. One relates to the membership structure of the Awards Committee and the other is to the voting.

First, the four Regional Officers are full voting members of the Committee. These Officers enhance the perspective of the Board Committee Members through their technical expertise and “on the ground” experiences. By adding them as voting members (they were previously “advisors” to the Committee), the full voting membership is nine (9).

And finally, it is now a policy of the Committee that any voting member abstain from voting on any category in which a nomination has been submitted by/for their LAFCo or a member (staff or commissioner) of their LAFCo. With bringing the voting membership to nine, this abstention should not pose a problem in terms of not having a quorum of votes cast.



2021 Achievement Award Nominations
Due by Friday, August 13, 2021 at 3:00 p.m.

Achievement Award 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 Volunteer
- Outstanding CALAFCO Associate Member
- Outstanding Commissioner
- Outstanding LAFCo Professional
- Mike Gotch Excellence in Public Service (choose one category below)
 - Protection of agricultural and open space lands and prevention of sprawl*
 - Innovation, collaboration, outreach and effective support of the evolution and viability of local agencies, promotion of efficient and effective delivery of municipal services*
- Legislator of the Year (must be approved by the full CALAFCO Board)
- Lifetime Achievement Award

NOMINATION SUBMITTED BY:

Name:

Organization:

Address:

Phone:

E-mail:



**2021 Achievement Award Nominations
Due by Friday, August 13, 2021 at 3:00 p.m.**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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



**2021 Achievement Award Nominations
Due by Friday, August 13, 2021 at 3:00 p.m.**

NOMINATION SUMMARY

Please indicate the reasons why this person or agency deserves to be recognized (this section must be no more than 1,000 words or 2 pages maximum).



CALAFCO ACHIEVEMENT AWARD CATEGORIES, NOMINATION & SELECTION CRITERIA

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 **3:00 p.m., Friday, August 13, 2021** in the following categories:

Outstanding CALAFCO Volunteer

Award Summary:

Recognizes a CALAFCO volunteer who has provided exemplary service during the past year. 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

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 specific areas of the LAFCo mission.

Mike Gotch Excellence in Public Service Award categories:

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*

Mike Gotch Excellence in Public Service 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.



PREVIOUS CALAFCO ACHIEVEMENT AWARD RECIPIENTS

2019

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 <i>San Juan Capistrano Utilities MSR</i>
Government Leadership Award	CA State Water Resources Control Board, Los Angeles County and Los Angeles LAFCo , for <i>Sativa Water District</i>
Mike Gotch Courage & Innovation in Local Government Leadership Award	Butte LAFCo
Legislator of the Year	Assembly Member Mike Gipson
Lifetime Achievement Award	John Benoit , various LAFCos, Jurg Heuberger , Imperial LAFCo

2018

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

2017

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, and Santa Rosa Annexation , Sonoma LAFCo

Government Leadership Award
Lifetime Achievement Award

San Luis Obispo County Public Works Dept.
Kathy Rollings McDonald (San Bernardino)

2016

Distinguished Service Award
Most Effective Commission
Outstanding CALAFCO Member
Outstanding Commissioner
Outstanding LAFCo Professional
Outstanding LAFCo Clerk
Project of the Year
Government Leadership Award
Lifetime Achievement Award

Peter Brundage, Sacramento LAFCo
San Luis Obispo LAFCo
John Leopold, Santa Cruz LAFCo
Don Tatzin, Contra Costa LAFCo
Steve Lucas, Butte LAFCo
Cheryl Carter-Benjamin, Orange LAFCo
Countywide Water Study, (Marin LAFCo)
Southern Region of CALAFCO
Bob Braitman (retired Executive Officer)

2015

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

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

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: 50th Year Special Edition,
San Diego LAFCo

Government Leadership Award

Orange County Water District, City of Anaheim, Irvine Ranch Water District, and Yorba Linda Water District

Legislators of the Year Award

Assembly member Katcho Achadjian

Lifetime Achievement Award

Susan Wilson, Orange LAFCo

2013

Mike Gotch Courage & Innovation in Local Government Leadership Award

Simón Salinas, Commissioner, Monterey LAFCo

Distinguished Service Award

Roseanne Chamberlain, Amador LAFCo

Most Effective Commission

Stanislaus LAFCo

Outstanding CALAFCO Member

Harry Ehrlich, San Diego LAFCo

Outstanding Commissioner

Jerry Gladbach, Los Angeles LAFCo

Outstanding LAFCo Professional

Lou Ann Texeira, Contra Costa

LAFCo Outstanding LAFCo Clerk

Kate Sibley, Contra Costa LAFCo

Project of the Year

Plan for Agricultural Preservation, Stanislaus LAFCo

Government Leadership Award

Orange County LAFCo Community Islands Taskforce, Orange LAFCo

Legislators of the Year Award

Senators Bill Emmerson and Richard Roth

Lifetime Achievement Award

H. Peter Faye, Yolo LAFCo; Henry Pellissier, Los Angeles LAFCo; Carl Leverenz, Butte LAFCo; Susan Vicklund-Wilson, Santa Clara LAFCo.

2012

Mike Gotch Courage & Innovation in Local Government Leadership Award

Bill Chiat, CALAFCO Executive Director

Distinguished Service Award

Marty McClelland, Commissioner, Humboldt LAFCo

Most Effective Commission

Sonoma LAFCo

Outstanding CALAFCO Member

Stephen A. Souza, Commissioner, Yolo LAFCo and CALAFCO Board of Directors

Outstanding Commissioner

Sherwood Darington, Monterey

LAFCo Outstanding LAFCo Professional

Carole Cooper, Sonoma LAFCo

Outstanding LAFCo Clerk

Gwenna MacDonald, Lassen LAFCo

Project of the Year

Countywide Service Review & SOI Update, Santa Clara LAFCo

Government Leadership Award

North Orange County Coalition of Cities, Orange LAFCo

Lifetime Achievement Award

P. Scott Browne, Legal Counsel LAFcos

2011

Mike Gotch Courage & Innovation in Local Government Leadership Award

Martin Tuttle, Deputy Director for Planning, Caltrans

Distinguished Service Award

Mike McKeever, Executive Director, SACOG

LAFCo Most Effective Commission

Carl Leverenz, Commissioner and Chair, Butte San Bernardino LAFCo

Outstanding CALAFCO Member

Keene Simonds, Executive Officer, Napa LAFCo

Outstanding Commissioner

Louis R. Calcagno, Monterey LAFCo

Outstanding LAFCo Professional

June Savala, Deputy Executive Officer, Los Angeles LAFCo

Outstanding LAFCo Clerk

Debbie Shubert, Ventura LAFCo

Project of the Year

Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Definitions Revision

Bob Braitman, Scott Browne, Clark Alsop, Carole Cooper, and George Spiliotis

Government Leadership Award

Contra Costa Sanitary District

Elsinore Water District and Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District

2010

Mike Gotch Courage & Innovation in Local Government Leadership Award

Helen Thompson, Commissioner, Yolo LAFCo

Distinguished Service Award

Kathleen Rollings-McDonald, Executive Officer, San Bernardino LAFCo

Bob Braitman, Executive Officer, Santa Barbara LAFCo

Most Effective Commission

Tulare LAFCo

Outstanding CALAFCo Member

Roger Anderson, Ph.D., CALAFCo Chair, Santa Cruz LAFCo

Outstanding Commissioner

George Lange, Ventura LAFCo

Outstanding LAFCo Professional

Harry Ehrlich, Government Consultant, San Diego LAFCo

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

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

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 Project of the Year	Wilda Turner , Los Angeles LAFCo Kings LAFCo City and Community District MSR and SOI Update
Government Leadership Award Legislator of the Year Award	San Bernardino Board of Supervisors Assembly Member Anna M. Caballero

2007

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

2006

Outstanding CALAFCo Member Distinguished Service Award Most Effective Commission Award Outstanding Commissioner Award	Everett Millais , CALAFCo Executive Officer and Executive Officer of Ventura LAFCo Clark Alsop , CALAFCo Legal Counsel Alameda LAFCo Ted Grandsen , Ventura LAFCo Chris Tooker , Sacramento LAFCo
Outstanding LAFCo Professional Award Outstanding LAFCo Clerk Award Project of the Year Award	Larry Calemine , Los Angeles LAFCo Executive Officer Janice Bryson , San Diego LAFCo Marilyn Flemmer , Sacramento LAFCo Sacramento Municipal Utility District Sphere of Influence Amendment and Annexation; Sacramento LAFCo
Outstanding Government Leadership Award Legislator of the Year Award	Cities of Porterville, Tulare, and Visalia and Tulare LAFCo Island Annexation Program Senator Christine Kehoe

2005

Outstanding CALAFCo Member Distinguished Service Award Most Effective Commission Award Outstanding Commissioner Award	Peter Herzog , CALAFCo Board, Orange LAFCo Elizabeth Castro Kemper , Yolo LAFCo Ventura LAFCo Art Aseltine , Yuba LAFCo Henri Pellissier , Los Angeles LAFCo
Outstanding LAFCo Professional Award Outstanding LAFCo Clerk Award Project of the Year Award	Bruce Baracco , San Joaquin LAFCo Danielle Ball , Orange LAFCo San Diego LAFCo MSR of Fire Protection and Emergency Medical Services
Outstanding Government Leadership Award	Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG)

2004

Outstanding CALAFCo Member Distinguished Service Award Most Effective Commission Award	Scott Harvey , CALAFCo Executive Director Julie Howard , Shasta LAFCo San Diego LAFCo
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Outstanding Commissioner Award
Outstanding LAFCo Professional Award
Project of the Year Award

Edith Johnsen, Monterey LAFCo
David Kindig, Santa Cruz LAFCo
San Luis Obispo LAFCo
Nipomo CSD SOI Update, MSR, and EIR

2003

Outstanding CALAFCo Member
Distinguished Service Award
Most Effective Commission Award
Outstanding Commissioner Award
Outstanding LAFCo Professional Award
Outstanding LAFCo Clerk Award
Project of the Year Award

Special Achievement Award

Michael P. Ryan, CALAFCo Board Member
Henri F. Pellissier, Los Angeles LAFCo
San Luis Obispo LAFCo
Bob Salazar, El Dorado LAFCo
Shirley Anderson, San Diego LAFCo
Lori Fleck, Siskiyou LAFCo
Napa LAFCo
Comprehensive Water Service Study
James M. Roddy

2002

Outstanding CALAFCo Member
Most Effective Commission Award
Commissioner Award
Outstanding LAFCo Professional Award
Outstanding LAFCo Clerk Award
Project of the Year Award
Outstanding Government Leadership Award

Ken Lee, CALAFCo Legislative Committee Chair
San Diego LAFCo Outstanding
Ed Snively, Imperial LAFCo
Paul Hood, San Luis Obispo LAFCo
Danielle Ball, Orange LAFCo
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	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

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

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

