# **AWARD DESCRIPTIONS**

## Awards reserved for Chapter members:

## **ROOKIE ACTIVIST AWARD**

This award is presented to the person who has recently begun to shine as an activist. It is vital that, each year, new volunteers keep the Chapter's tradition of volunteer activism going strong. This award recognizes the importance of "rookies" to the Chapter.

## **CONSERVATION ACTIVIST AWARD**

This award is for the person who has done outstanding work to forward the Chapter's conservation mission—to promote and implement the conservation objectives and policies of the Sierra Club.

## **OUTINGS LEADER AWARD**

This award recognizes a Chapter Outings leader who has done outstanding work in outdoor leadership and education. As stated in the Chapter Strategic Plan, the Outings Committee takes the lead in providing safe, enjoyable, and informative outings opportunities. The first experience with the Chapter of many members and volunteers is on a Chapter outing.

## POLITICAL ACTIVIST AWARD

This award is presented to the person who has done outstanding work in furthering the Chapter's political mission. The Political Committee takes the lead in evaluating political issues and positions and recommending endorsement and support of candidates for office and ballot initiatives that further the Chapter mission.

#### VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD

This award is for the Chapter volunteer who has done outstanding work in furthering the Chapter's overall mission. Volunteers bring enthusiasm and dedication to their efforts for the Chapter. They benefit the Chapter greatly and this award recognizes and publicizes their efforts.

#### **CHAPTER SERVICE AWARD**

This award celebrates the achievement of the person(s) or entity that has provided exemplary service to the Chapter. The volunteers who help with the various tasks needed to support our members and activities are the true unsung heroes of the Chapter.

## DISTINGUISHED ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

This award recognizes the member who has exhibited a sustained level of service and commitment to our Chapter's overall mission. It honors the person who year after year has contributed their time and knowledge and passion to help the Chapter.

## LIFE TIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

This rarely given award is presented by the Chapter Executive Committee to honor an individual who has provided distinguished service to the Chapter for a significant period of time. It is these types of individuals who have given their life time experiences and leadership to make the Chapter the best that it can be.

#### SILVER CUP

This is a special award presented to the person(s) who has most significantly contributed to the success of the Chapter's mission. This is an award that recognizes efforts that not only represent a significant commitment by the volunteer(s) but also has resulted in a significant contribution to the Chapter.

## Awards open to individuals, organizations or businesses.

#### FEAT (Friendly Environmental Action Taken) AWARD

The word origin for "feat" is mid-14<sup>th</sup> century meaning "action, deeds" and based on a sense of an "exceptional or noble deed".

The FEAT Award recognizes the person or entity who has demonstrated an "exceptional or noble deed" of environmental leadership or stewardship in San Diego or Imperial County. Of course, not only Sierra Club members take leadership roles on environmental issues. This award recognizes achievements by authors, organizations, governments, politicians, teachers, etc., who have shown leadership on an environmental issue.