

SAN DIEGO CHAPTER AWARDS HISTORY

THEMES

- 2009 – No theme (pre Gala)
- 2010 – Our Wildlands Legacy (First Gala)
- 2011 – Building Environmental Communities
- 2012 – Protecting California’s Coast
- 2013 – The Green Generation – Young Leaders Safeguarding the Environment
- 2014 – Wilderness 50 – 50 Years of American Wilderness
- 2015 – Building a Better Future
- 2016 – Celebrating Partnerships
- 2017 – Voices for Nature
- 2018 – Celebrating 70 Years of Environmental Protection and Leadership
- 2019 – Our Environmental Heritage
- 2020 – No Gala due to COVID Pandemic
- 2021 – No Gala due to COVID Pandemic
- 2022 – No Gala due to COVID Pandemic
- 2023 – Environmental Warriors

FEAT (Fantastic Environmental Action Taken) AWARDS

- 2010
 - Mark Jorgensen – Former Park Superintendent, Anza-Borrego State Park
 - Richard Halsey – California Chaparral Institute
 - Preserve Calavera – Diane Nygaard, President accepted
- 2011
 - Allen Shur – IBEW Local 569
 - Pala Band of Mission Indians
 - Michael Meacam – Director Economic Development, City of Chula Vista
- 2012
 - California Coastal Commission Staff, San Diego Coast District Office
 - Unite Here, Local 30
 - Dan King – Environmental Program Manager, City of Solana Beach
- 2013
 - Colin and Karen Archipley – Archi’s Acres, Veterans Sustainable Agriculture Training Program
 - Georgette Gomez – Associate Director, EHC Toxic-Free Neighborhoods Campaign
 - Micah Mitrosky – Environmental Organizer, IBEW Local 569
- 2014
 - Duncan McFetridge – Community Activist, Cleveland Forest Foundation
 - Anne Fege – Former Forest Supervisor, Cleveland National Forest
 - William Metz – Forest Supervisor, Cleveland National Forest
- 2015
 - Masada Disenhouse – Co-founder SanDiego350
 - Nicole Capretz – Executive Director, Climate Action Campaign
 - City of Solana Beach
- 2016
 - League of Women Voters of San Diego

- San Diego CALSEIA (California Solar Energy Industries Association)
- Cleveland National Forest Foundation
- 2017
 - The Roman Catholic Diocese of San Diego
 - Laura Hunter – Environmental Activist
 - Tommy Hough – Co-founder San Diego County Democrats for Environmental Action
- 2018
 - Adventure 16
 - Toni G. Atkins – President pro-Tempore, California State Senate
 - Sunbelt Publications
- 2019
 - Feeding San Diego
 - San Diego Earthworks
 - San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board
- 2023

***HEAT (Horrible Environmental Action Taken) Award**

- 2010
 - Debra Reed – President & CEO, San Diego Gas & Electric
 - John Coleman – Weatherman, KUSI Television

VOLUNTEER AWARDS

*** Discontinued or Occasional Awards**

Joanne H. Pearson Memorial Award in Environmental Public Advocacy

- 2018 – Ellen Shively
- 2019 – David Grubb

Special Service Award

- 2016 – Rob Morris
- 2017 – Diane Nygaard
- 2018 – No Award
- 2019 – No Award

Conservation Activists Award

- 2006 – Dave Voss, Jean Costa, Jeanette Hartman
- 2007 – No Award
- 2008 – Ed Kimura, Edie Harmon, Jeanette Hartman
- 2009 - Raymond Lutz, Diane Nygaard, Dave Voss
- 2010 – No Award
- 2011 - Donna Tisdale
- 2012 – Cindy Buxton
- 2013 – Jay Powell
- 2014 – Mary Clarke
- 2015 – Walter Konopka
- 2016 – No Award

- 2017 – George Courser
- 2018 – Derek and Nancy Casady
- 2019 – Laura Hunter, Cynthia Wootton

***Environmental Stewardship Award**

- 2006 – John Hartley, Erin Harold, Larry Klaasen
- 2007 - No Award
- 2008 – Monica Fuentes, Tershia d’Elgin

***Rookie Activist of the Year**

- 2006 – Marie-Angele Limirez
- 2007 – No Award
- 2008 - Justin Martello
- 2016 – Siyuan Liu, Luis Alejandro “Ale” Montes
- 2017 – No Award
- 2018 – Michelle De Nicola
- 2019 – Amanda Mascia

***Community Activist Award**

- 2006 – Kelly Fuller, Paul Blackburn, Dave Hogan

***Student Volunteer of the Year**

- 2006 – Sofia Gidlund
- 2007 – No Award
- 2008 – Sarah Krejca

***Office Volunteer of the Year**

- 2006 – Sandy Kerner, Lorraine Murphy
- 2007 – No Award
- 2008 – Lee Olson

Outings Activist Award

- 2006 – Jim McCleary, Karen Smith, Bob Smillie
- 2007 – No Award
- 2008 – Bonnie Prescott, Sandie Sanders
- 2009 - Skip Forsht, Cheryl Knapp, Lois Day
- 2010 – No Award
- 2011 – Irene Manning
- 2012 - Diane Purkey
- 2013 – Al Fein
- 2014 – Michael Taylor
- 2015 – Starla Rivers
- 2016 – Lynn Nebus
- 2017 – Melody Eues
- 2018 – Kit Davis, Rachel Rench
- 2019 – Alice Fichandler

Political Activist Award

- 2006 – Jerry Harmon, Renee Huston, Barbara Diederichs
- 2007 – No Award
- 2008 – John Stump III
- 2009 - Marilee McLean
- 2010 – No Award
- 2011 – Dave Grubb
- 2012 – Jan Fuchs
- 2013 – No Award
- 2014 – Mike Bullock
- 2015 – Davin Widgerow
- 2016 – Debby Knight
- 2017 – North County Coastal Political Committee
- 2018 – No Award
- 2019 – Brian Elliott

Volunteer of Year

- 2009 - Rusanne Anthony
- 2010 – No Award
- 2011 – Mike Bullock
- 2012 – Masada Disenhouse
- 2013 – Kara Liederman
- 2014 - Ernest “El” Lotecka
- 2015 – Diane Purkey
- 2016 – Suzi Sandore
- 2017 – Jim Chase, Phil Birkhahn
- 2018 – Stefanie Maio
- 2019 – Dina Campbell

***Media Award**

- 2006 – North County Times
- 2007 – No Award
- 2008 – Mike Lee, Environmental reporter, Union Tribune

***North County Award**

- 2006 – Dave Grubb

Chapter Service Award

- 2009 - Dave Grubb, Bill Powers
- 2010 – No Award
- 2011 – 2010 Foster Lodge Committee
- 2012 – Staff Chapter WBC and Staff North County WBC
- 2013 – Sierra Young Adults
- 2014 – Nature Knowledge Workshop
- 2015 – Inspiring Connections Outdoors (ICO)
- 2016 – Sierra Social Section
- 2017 – Bicycle Section
- 2018 – Rochelle Hancock

- 2019 – Michael Taylor

Distinguished Achievement Award

- 2006 – Al Fein, Pauline Jimenez
- 2007 – No Award
- 2008 – Joe Zechman
- 2009 - Jean Costa
- 2010 – No Award
- 2011 – Mike Fry
- 2012 – Larry Klaasen
- 2013 – Skip Forsht
- 2014 – John Tomlinson
- 2015 – Malinda Dickenson, Jan Chatten-Brown
- 2016 – Mike Bullock
- 2017 – Jim McCleary
- 2018 – Sally Prendergast
- 2019 – Karenlee Robinson, Paul Webb

Life Time Achievement

- 2009 – No Award
- 2010 – No Award
- 2011 – Devore Smith
- 2012 - Mannie Kugler
- 2013 – Mac Downing
- 2014 – Ellen Shively
- 2015 – Pat Klaasen
- 2016 – Mike Fry
- 2017 – Bob Stinton
- 2018 – No Award
- 2019 – Jean Costa

Silver Cup

- 2006 – Ellen Shively
- 2007 – No Award
- 2008 – Richard Miller
- 2009 - Pauline Jimenez
- 2010 – No Award
- 2011 – Lee and Fern Siegel
- 2012 – Jim Matlock
- 2013 – Dave Grubb
- 2014 – Cheryl Knapp
- 2015 – George Greer
- 2016 – Joe Zechman
- 2017 – Renee Owens
- 2018 – Peter Andersen
- 2019 – Richard Miller