

## Hall of Honor

### Class of 2016

#### Regional Treasure Category

- Turtle Bay Exploration Park
- Anderson River Park

#### Legacy Category

- Frank Cirill

### Class of 2015

#### Regional Treasure Category

- Camp Sacramento
- Eppie's Great Race

### Class of 2014

#### Regional Treasure Category

- Crocker Art Museum

### Class of 2013

#### Regional Treasure Category

- Bidwell Park, Chico
- Folsom City Zoo Sanctuary

#### Professional Leadership Category

- Patrick P. Fenwick

### Class of 2012

#### Regional Treasure Category

- American River Parkway

#### Professional Leadership Category

- Keith L. Demetrak, Posthumous

### Class of 2011

#### Legacy Category

- Jo Smith, Posthumous

### Class of 2010

#### Regional Treasure Category

- Sacramento State Aquatic & Boating Safety Center

#### Professional Leadership Category

- Paul M. Hagan, Posthumous

### Class of 2009

#### Professional Leadership Category

- Gerald T. Hughes
- William M. Campbell, III

#### Legacy Category

- Effie Yeaw, Posthumous

### Class of 2008

#### Professional Leadership Category

- Fred Brooks, Ed.D
- Richard T. Conzelmann
- Shirley J. Kammeyer, PhD

#### Legacy Category

- George Sim, Posthumous

### Class of 2007

#### Professional Leadership Category

- William Pond
- J.R. Needy, Ph.D., Posthumous
- Ed Mahany

#### Legacy Category

- Donald W. McMurchie
- William Land, Posthumous

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California Parks & Recreation Society, District 2

RECREATION, PARKS & LEISURE

# HALL OF HONOR 2017 AWARDS



Regional Treasures 2016 Honorees  
Turtle Bay Exploration Park  
Anderson River Park



Celebrating Regional Quality of Life through Recreation, Parks & Leisure

Nominations Due  
October 7, 2016

Awards Ceremony  
Spring 2017

### Award Categories

- Regional Treasure
- Exceptional Leadership
- Regional Legacy



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## About the California Parks & Recreation Society

Founded in 1946 as a non-profit professional and public interest organization, the California Parks & Recreation Society provides career development, networking, resources and is the public advocate for California park and recreation professionals. It represents more than 4,000 members and over 175 park and recreation agencies who contribute to the quality of life for California residents by:

- providing recreational experiences to individuals, families and communities
- fostering human development
- promoting health and wellness
- increasing cultural unity
- facilitating community problem solving
- protecting natural resources
- strengthening safety and security
- strengthening community image and sense of place
- supporting economic development

## Recreation, Parks & Leisure Hall of Honor Awards

The regional Recreation, Parks & Leisure Hall of Honor (HoH) was established for the purpose of recognizing, documenting and promoting significant and historical park, recreation and leisure contributions to the quality of life within the 19 county geographic boundaries of the California Parks and Recreation Society District 2 (CPRS). CPRS District 2 was the initial sponsor of the HoH and continues as the primary supporter of the program. Nominations are now being accepted from all sectors for the induction of individuals, organizations, significant programs, areas and facilities that meet the criteria in the Regional Treasure, Exceptional Leadership, or Regional Legacy Categories listed below. For further information on CPRS, refer to the back cover of this brochure.

### Why a Hall of Honor?

- History significant to the nineteen county CPRS District 2 region will be recorded and celebrated.
- Citizen engagement will be enhanced.
- It will build leadership connections/collaborations and partnerships.
- Leisure quality of life factors will be identified as issues of local and regional significance.

### Regional Treasure Category

The Nomination must identify and document how the nominee meets the following criteria:

- Identifies historically significant programs, areas or facilities and the sponsoring organizations, collaboratives, partnerships, individuals and/or foundations.
- Must be located within the nineteen county CPRS District 2 region and have great historical significance and tremendous multi-generational impact on the quality of life in the region.
- The nomination shall have made significant contributions in as many of the following as applicable. 1) Profound or original influence on the recreation and leisure opportunities and/or quality of life within the region, 2) Will continue for generations, 3) Has contributed to the quality of the development and growth of individuals, quality of life, causes or movements, 4) Has contributed to the quality of the development and growth of individual or group training or education, life fulfillment or leisure pursuit, 5) Has received recognition, awards, honors from the greater public, 6) Contributes to the economic vitality of the region.

### Exceptional Leadership Category

The Nomination must identify and document how the nominee meets the following criteria:

- Recognizes exceptional leaders who, by their actions, exemplify the outstanding principles and values of the recreation, park and leisure movement. Nominees shall have inspired and served as excellent role models and made significant historic contributions in their communities and to the quality of life for the Region.
- The contribution of the nominee shall have been exhibited in the areas of recreation, culture, parks, and leisure, and may have been a result of service as a professional or as a paid or voluntary service by a person from a related or non-related field in the public, private, commercial, or non-profit sectors.
- The nomination shall indicate significant and enduring contributions to the quality of life in the region in as many of the following areas as applicable. 1) Significant project(s) and/or program(s) that the candidate was recognized as being personally responsible for leading, 2) Leadership positions held that led to a significant contribution to the indicated project(s) and/or program(s), 3) Public service outside primary work responsibility, 4) Recognition, awards and honors received, 5) Publications, Policy Development or Master Planning, 6) Training, education, 7) Public facility planning, design and/or development.

### Regional Legacy Category

The Nomination must identify and document how the nominee meets the following criteria:

- Recognizes current or historic individuals or organizations who created the vision, championed and led important and significant improvements to the quality of life in the region.
- The nominee is recognized as having led the way to the creation of significant and historic benchmark projects, events or programs within the region. Their vision, leadership and/or management is unquestioned. The project/event/program has had multi-generational significance in effecting leisure lifestyle and quality of life.
- The nomination shall indicate significant and enduring contributions to the quality of life in the Region in as many of the following areas as applicable. 1) Project(s) and/or program(s) that the candidate was recognized as being personally responsible for, 2) Public service beyond primary work responsibility, 4) Recognition by their peers of the day, through awards and honors received, 5) Lasting value of: publications, policy development or master planning; training and education; public facility planning, design and/or development, 6) Positive, lasting influence on generations.

## District 2 Awards - Hall of Honor Application

Award applying for (Check only one). Please clarify category with nomination selection committee chair prior to working on award submittal.

☒ Regional Treasure Category ☐ Exceptional Leadership Category ☐ Regional Legacy Category

Name of Nominee or Regional Treasure: Sacramento Valley Conservancy

Nominee Phone 916-731-8798 Nominee Email info@sacramentovalleyconservancy.org

### Person Submitting the Nomination

Name Kelly Hopkins Title/Position Communications and Marketing Director

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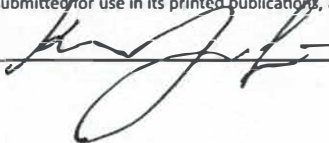
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### Person Submitting the Nomination should follow the steps below:

1. Review CPRS District 2 boundary map and successful application example at [www.cprsd2.com](http://www.cprsd2.com).
2. Review the complete submitted category criteria (exceptional, etc.).
3. If you need assistance Provide a Letter of Intent "Recommended": Due June 1, 2016. So that we may be able to assist you in providing a complete application please provide on a separate sheet of paper: Your name and contact information, the name of the Nominee or Regional Treasure, category you are applying for, recognizing the sub-criteria within the category identify what information you can provide and what you may need assistance with. Please submit to Barbara Wackford at the address below.
4. Application Filing Deadline: Friday, October 7, 2016 5:00 p.m. Select the "Category" and provide detailed information on as many of the criteria categories as applicable which will enhance the eligibility and merit of the nomination. Incomplete applications will not be accepted. Additional documentation and letters of support for the nomination are highly recommended. A hard copy and if possible a digital copy of the application and attachments would be appreciated. Successful award recipients will be required to submit electronically a copy of the application and 6 - 8 high resolution photographs with captions along with support materials. If available, please provide a video showcasing the Nominee or Regional Treasure.
5. If assistance or answers to questions are needed, Barbara Wackford, Chair of the Nominations Sub-Committee, can be reached at (916) 422-1429.
6. The stated deadlines will be strictly adhered to by the Selection Committee.
  - Submit Letter of Intent, application and supporting information to:  
Name: Barbara Wackford  
Address: 5618 Delcliff Circle, Sacramento, CA 95822  
Email: [bwackford@aol.com](mailto:bwackford@aol.com)  
Applications reviewed and evaluated: October-November 2016.
  - Notification of results to applicant by December 2016.
  - Presentation of awards: Spring 2017. Details of presentation and award ceremony will be discussed with award winners at time of notification.
7. Person submitting nomination additionally agrees to the following:

I hereby give CPRS District 2 the irrevocable right and permission to copyright and publish photographs or other digital materials submitted for use in its printed publications, audiovisual presentations, and/or online presentations.

Signature  Date 10/6/16



The Conservancy's mission is to preserve the beauty, character and diversity of the Sacramento Valley landscape by working with citizens, property owners, developers, public agencies and other nonprofit organizations. It works with willing sellers to create dedicated open space by gifts, private purchase, facilitation of public acquisition, conservation easements and by cooperative efforts. It preserves these lands for agricultural, natural resource protection, recreation, and wildlife habitat purposes.

The Sacramento Valley Conservancy uses multiple resources to help preserve important habitat throughout the region.



A Great Egret seen eating polliwogs in Crevis Creek. Photo by Lisa Couper.



American Robin with a worm in its beak. Photo by Lisa Couper

### Fee Title Acquisition

Direct acquisition works best when a landowner does not wish to continue to own the property but wants to protect sensitive resources, wildlife species and habitats, and a wide variety of public uses are desired. In these cases, the Conservancy directly acquires land from willing landowners and manages these properties for the public benefit. Fee title acquisition works well when the Conservancy wants to ensure public access to a particular property or we believe it is vital to have control over how the property will be managed, for example, protecting a unique wildlife habitat or preserving a Native American cultural site.

### Conservation Easements

A conservation easement is a legal agreement between a willing landowner and the Conservancy that protects a land's conservation value by permanently limiting its uses. Owners who create conservation easements often receive substantial tax benefits. Conservation easements work well when landowners want to continue to own and manage their property, the easement becomes part of the property title in perpetuity and the Conservancy ensures, that current and future owners honor the terms of the easement. Under a conservation easement, the property can be sold, leased or kept in agricultural production and bequeathed to heirs. In many cases, the rights to subdivide and develop a property are limited or extinguished by a conservation easement. The landowner continues to own the land that is subject to the conservation easement, while

the Conservancy is responsible with monitoring the property to make sure its resources are being protected and that the terms of the easement are not being violated. Conservation easements can be tailored to protect important wildlife habitat, scenic vistas, agricultural land and a land's rural character, while also allowing the landowner to continue working the land. Generally, conservation easements do not allow public access to the property unless specifically permitted by the landowner.

### Preserve Management

The Conservancy currently holds management responsibilities and grazing servitude on many preserves that are owned by separate parties, often public agencies. The Sacramento Valley Conservancy specifically targets open space lands that can provide a number of roles and benefits to the community. Some of the key characteristics that SVC looks for are-

#### Ability of a preserve to protect rare and important habitat.

A great example of this is properties located inside riparian zones. Almost 99% of the Sacramento Valley's riparian habitat has been developed or altered due to urban growth, mining, or farming interests. This leaves small corridors of preserved land along waterways that have become cramped natural habitat for species that previously thrived throughout the valley. Interactions between human development, land, and water have effected everything from salmon and fishery populations, to the bears that used to eat those fish, to the plants that previously thrived on the fertilizing fish scraps left by those bears. While much of this development cannot be undone, efforts to preserve what is left of this habitat becomes increasingly important. Another example of important and sensitive habitat protected by the conservancy are the Sacramento Vernal Pool complexes located in south east Sacramento which support species such as fairy shrimp and Orcutt grasses. Another is the blue oak complex located on Deer Creek Hills along the Scott Road corridor, currently one of largest preserved blue oak woodlands in the state.



Meandering trail parallels creek running through the picturesque Blue Oak Woodland.

### Ability of land to provide meaningful recreation opportunities to the region

The Conservancy manages 11 acres at Camp Pollock, and more than 4,400 acres at Deer Creek Hills Preserve, providing more than 4,411 acres for recreation. Camp Pollock allows the public to access the Lower American River and the only free parking and access to the American River. The American River Parkway offers one of the longest contiguous paved bike trails in the US, over 20 miles of river available for water recreation, and over 16,000 acres of open space available for hiking, running, equestrian activities, group activities, and nature interpretation and education.



Open Space provides critical wildlife habitat. Equestrian mounted Docent at Deer Creek Hills Preserve.

### Ability of land to provide important wildlife corridors

The Conservancy's Twenty First Century Open-Space vision map (page 1) places priority on contiguous land preservation. This connects critical habitats together allowing species to continue historic interactions and migrations throughout the Sacramento Valley Region. Critical riparian zones such as the one along the Consumnes river, the only un-dammed river on the west side of the Sierra Nevada, to other riparian zones by way of corridors like that along the Blue Oak woodlands along Scott Road and through the vernal pool complexes. Partnerships with other land management organizations like the Mother Lode Land Trust, Placer Land Trust, or the United States Forest Service help to ensure that these visionary corridors will not be just an island of preservation in the Sacramento Region, but rather a statewide preservation effort stretching from the Pacific ocean to the Sierra Nevada.

The Conservancy uses the following human resources to preserve, manage and oversee the almost eighteen thousand acres and to offer over 100 recreation/education events to the public each year: Executive Director, Administrative Director, Administrative Assistants, Stewardship Director, Outreach and Grant Coordinator, Program Assistants, Property Caretaker, as well as a Dedicated Board of Trustees with 13

members and Advisory Council/Tech Advisors with 23 members and a strong volunteer Docent program with 60 members. Additionally, the conservancy has more than 120 active volunteers who contribute to the conservancy's efforts.

**Profound or original influence on the recreation and leisure opportunities and/or quality of life within the region.**

The Conservancy's work has protected over 17,600 acres of open space that has been identified as important to the quality of life for Sacramento residents. This focuses largely on areas where critical habitat can play dual roles, providing rare space for wildlife, while offering recreation opportunities for residents and visitors alike.

The Sacramento Valley Conservancy offers over 100 recreation and education events each year. These outings connect the Sacramento region's population to their environment. The Conservancy offers weekly volunteer opportunities, group service days and student service learning projects. Docent lead hikes with a educational focus include: geology, birding, history, astronomy and storytelling. Other outings include equestrian rides, mountain biking, yoga, backpacking, outdoor concerts, trail runs, photography classes and camping, classroom sessions, outdoor movies, and more. These special outings and events are offered at select SVC properties throughout the year.



Paddling the American River from Camp Pollock during SVC's Family Friendly Glamp-Out event.

**Project YES (Youth Education and Stewardship)**

Project YES offers day hikes, education, camping, stewardship opportunities, and overnight backpacking trips for Sacramento region youth groups and schools. Through

a series of outings, youth learn about the environment they live in and how they can be better stewards of their environment.

### Docent-Led Outings

The Sacramento Valley Conservancy's docent-led outings are a great way to experience Deer Creek Hills, Camp Pollock, and other properties while learning something new about the land and its resources. Our docents are trained and experienced in many different environmental areas.



Docent led birding hike takes birders to the pond where attendees can view from behind a bird blind.



Lead Equestrian Docent teaches youth the history of the Buffalo Soldier in California.

### **Will Continue for generations.**

The Sacramento Valley Conservancy focuses its efforts on properties that have survived the years of urban sprawl that have consumed many of California's most unique lands. Either through intention or chance, many of the properties managed by SVC have remained the same for decades or even centuries. Often times it is the historic nature and the importance of future protection that drives preservation efforts. Many of SVC's management and preservation partners have been involved with these properties for decades or even hundreds of years and have made specific efforts to protect the character and/or historic nature of these properties. Some examples of this are Deer Creek Hills which has been ranched by the same family for decades, Camp Pollock which was originally donated in 1922 by SVC's current partner The North

Sacramento Land Company, or the historic Winterport Farm which has been farmed by the same family for over 100 years.

**Has Contributed to the quality of the development and growth of individuals, quality of life, causes or movements.**

The Sacramento Valley Conservancy facilitates growth through the outdoor experiences of groups and individual residents of the Sacramento the region. Every week visitors experience the outdoors and natural beauty of the Sacramento Valley while participating in SVC activities with others. Volunteering to improve their community by rehabilitating the environment gives individuals and groups a goal and helps them to appreciate the natural resources around them. This education is hopefully a spark that will ignite their interest in the out of doors and will lead to them educating and helping others. Often groups approach an SVC outing with the simple goal of volunteering with coworkers but will return because of an experience that affected their lives.



Volunteers pitch in to get their hands dirty. Camp Pollock hosts clean-ups every Saturday.

**Has contributed to the quality of the development and growth of individual or group training or education, life fulfillment or leisure pursuit.**

The Sacramento Valley Conservancy partners with numerous groups within the region and offers growth opportunities to individuals of all backgrounds and status. Properties and preserves are made available to community groups and the public for

activity rentals, educational outings, volunteer opportunities, recreation, and outdoor appreciation. Many of the properties are located in or near underprivileged and underserved populations and offer some the only outdoor education available to them. Project YES, SVC's Youth Education and Stewardship program specifically target urban community groups with little or no natural environment exposure. SVC's yearly YES partnership program with the Sacramento Sheriff Community Impact Program and FLOW Stand Up Paddle company introduces youth to the American River Parkway. Youth participating in this program work on a volunteer/ service learning project in the morning, bbq lunch in the native plant garden, and then spend the afternoon with FLOW SUP learning skills on the picturesque American River.



Stand Up Paddle boarders on the American River.

Other Youth Education and Stewardship programs which are made possible through partnerships include; Deer Creek Hills Day Hiking, Deer Creek Hills Overnight Backpacking, Birding for Youth and Native Skills.

### **Community Partnerships:**

- The Nature Conservancy, Dry Creek Conservancy, Motherlode Land Trust, Yolo Land Trust, Trust for Public Land, Resources Legacy Fund, Great Valley Center, Strong, Deacon, Gencorp, Teichert, Thomas P. Raley, David and Lucile Packard and Sierra Health Foundations and Teichert, REI, Soroptomist International-Metro Sac.

### **Community Partnerships Cont:**

- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency & North American Wetlands Conservation Act (US Fish & Wildlife) Central Valley Project Improvement Act Habitat Restoration
- Program (US Bureau of Reclamation)
- State Water Resources Control Board, CA Dept of Water Resources, Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency, Sacramento Audubon Society and California Native Plant Society, Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency, CA Dept Fish & Game (Wildlife Conservation Board), CALTRANS & CALFED and CA Dept Parks & Recreation
- Cities of Sacramento, Folsom, Rancho Cordova and Elk Grove
- Counties of Sacramento, Amador, Yolo, El Dorado, Placer, Sutter and San Joaquin
- Effie Yeaw Nature Center, Sierra Nevada Journeys, Community Collaborative Charter School, AmeriCorps, and Leave No Trace

### **Has received recognitions awards, honors from the greater public.**

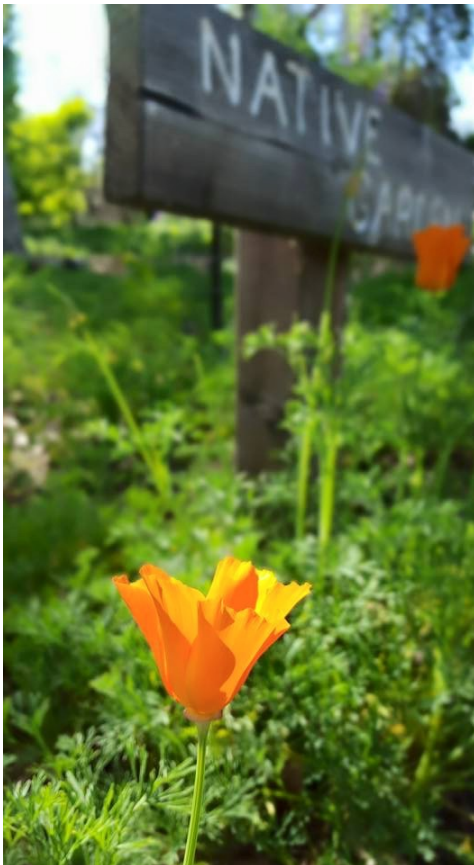
| <b>Award/ Recognition</b>                       | <b>Organization</b>                                                                          | <b>Year</b> |
|-------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| "Models of Success" Best Small Non-profit Award | Metro Chamber of Commerce and Nonprofit Resource Center                                      | 2003        |
| Environmental Recognition Award                 | County of Sacramento                                                                         | 2003        |
| 2013 Women Who Mean Business Award              | The Sacramento Business Journal                                                              | 2013        |
| Environmental Stewardship Award                 | Valley Vision                                                                                | 2013        |
| Invest in California Award                      | AT&T and Assemblymember Kevin McCarty                                                        | 2016        |
| Mother - Baby Friendly Workplace Award          | CA State Senate Resolution by Senator Richard Pan and The Sacramento Breastfeeding Coalition | 2016        |

### **Contributes to the economic vitality of the region.**

Open space is recognized as a valuable and irreplaceable resource important to both current and future generations. Communities located near open space and parks have significantly higher economic values. This is apparent when looking at home values within a neighborhood and comparing how they change compared to their proximity to open space. Homes immediately abutted to parks and open space average an almost

20% premium over those further away. In addition homes within 2-3 blocks are usually valued with a 10% premium for the same reason. This example shows how much individuals value open space resources and how important proximity to these resources are.

The Sacramento Valley Conservancy has directly experienced these effects in the Sacramento Region. It has managed open space specifically preserved near high income areas and has also taken on projects in lower income areas, making efforts to preserve or improve these areas for their residents and business interests. The home value effects quoted above depend on the open space being well managed and not a nuisance attractant. A poorly maintained or poorly patrolled open space can actually decrease neighboring home values if it creates a nuisance or dangerous environment. The Sacramento Valley Conservancy strives to be an example of good open space management and partners with groups like The North Sacramento Chamber of Commerce, The North Sacramento Land Company, Rancho Murrieta HOA, and other groups that have benefitted or would like to benefit from the economic advantages provided by well managed community natural resources.



California Poppy by Native Garden sign  
at Camp Pollock



Blue Oak Tree at Deer Creek Hills  
Preserve



California Lupine in front of 20's built  
lodge at Camp Pollock

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# Assembly California Legislature



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JOINT COMMITTEE ON FAIRS,  
ALLOCATION AND CLASSIFICATION

October 4, 2016

California Parks and Recreation Society, District 2  
7971 Freeport Boulevard  
Sacramento, California 95832

To Whom It May Concern:

I am pleased to support Sacramento Valley Conservancy's application to the California Parks and Recreation Society regarding being named a Regional Treasure for the 2017 Recreation, Parks, and Leisure Hall of Honor.

I have worked with the Sacramento Valley Conservancy and enthusiastically witnessed their dedication to restoring and opening for public use the former Boy Scouts property, Camp Pollock, in the heart of Sacramento on the American River Parkway. I am impressed with the work the Conservancy has done to return the area around Camp Pollock to native, riparian vegetation that will enhance habitat for wildlife, promote education about nature and ecosystems, and revitalize the river for families and youth to experience in one of the most disadvantaged communities in the Sacramento area. Although the Sacramento Valley Conservancy does so much more around Sacramento County and along the valley, as the representative for the City of Sacramento and surrounding areas, I cannot help but extoll the Conservancy for the work they do to provide education about our urban river and its habitat, restore and stabilize an amazing part of the American River near downtown, and provide a safe and beautiful place for wildlife and for our families.

I respectfully urge you to consider the Sacramento Valley Conservancy for the Recreation, Parks, and Leisure Hall of Honor's Regional Treasure category.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kevin McCarty".

**KEVIN McCARTY**  
Assemblymember, 7<sup>th</sup> District

KM:ab



September 29, 2016

To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing this letter on behalf of FATRAC, the Folsom Auburn Trail Riders Action Coalition, in support of Sacramento Valley Conservancy's submission to be recognized with the Regional Treasure Award by the California Parks and Recreation Society, District 2, Recreation, Parks and Leisure Hall of Honor 2017. We nominate the Sacramento Valley Conservancy for the 2017 Hall of Honor Regional Treasure award.

As a community partner and supporter of the Sacramento Valley Conservancy, FATRAC recognizes the Conservancy as a Regional Treasure. We currently partner with SVC to bring quality recreational opportunities for multiple user groups at the Deer Creek Hills property they manage in eastern Sacramento County. Their efforts bring together hikers, equestrians and bikers to learn about and share a protected 4500-acre landscape barely 30 minutes from downtown Sacramento. SVC treats all user groups with equal respect, which we appreciate. We are also grateful for SVC's efforts to improve Camp Pollock in downtown Sacramento. Their renovation of the camp's main building and surrounding property, after many years of neglect by the prior owner, provide an opportunity to serve historically under-served populations with quality recreation. Given the profound social problems in this area, this is no small undertaking. We very much look forward to using the newly refurbished space for board meetings and leading bike rides from Camp Pollock as soon as that is permitted on the Parkway.

Please consider designating the Sacramento Valley Conservancy for the District 2, Recreation, Parks and Leisure Hall of Honor 2017 award.

Signed,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Matt Wetter', is positioned below the 'Signed,' text.

Matt Wetter, President  
FATRAC

September 29, 2016

To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing this letter on behalf of Sierra Nevada Journeys in support of Sacramento Valley Conservancy's submission to be recognized with the Regional Treasure Award by the California Parks and Recreation Society, District 2, Recreation, Parks and Leisure Hall of Honor 2017. We nominate the Sacramento Valley Conservancy for the 2017 Hall of Honor Regional Treasure award.

As a community partner and supporter of the Sacramento Valley Conservancy, Sierra Nevada Journeys, recognizes the Conservancy as a Regional Treasure. We have partnered with the Conservancy since 2013 to provide high-quality, standards-based science education through an innovative hands-on field trip program held at Deer Creek Hills.

Students study watersheds, geology, and local flora/fauna; interact and collaborate with others; and learn 'hard skills' associated with traveling safely and efficiently in the outdoors - expanding the four walls of classroom learning and enriching students' traditional educational experience. With support from the Conservancy, nearly 2,000 students over the past three years have participated in this programming.

Please consider designating the Sacramento Valley Conservancy for the District 2, Recreation, Parks and Leisure Hall of Honor 2017 award.

Signed,



Eaton Dunkelberger  
CEO





October 7, 2016

To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing this letter on behalf of REI - Sierra Region in support of Sacramento Valley Conservancy's submission to be recognized with the Regional Treasure Award by the California Parks and Recreation Society, District 2, Recreation, Parks and Leisure Hall of Honor 2017. We nominate the Sacramento Valley Conservancy for the 2017 Hall of Honor Regional Treasure award.

As a community partner and supporter of the Sacramento Valley Conservancy, REI - Sierra Region, recognizes the Conservancy as a Regional Treasure. We have partnered with Sacramento Valley Conservancy for many years on a number of activities that increase accessibility to outdoor activities through education and stewardship. REI - Sierra Region and Sacramento Valley Conservancy have worked together on community service projects, bringing volunteers out to outdoor locations in the region for clean-up events and enhancement projects. Additionally, our organizations work together to offer the community the opportunity to learn new outdoor skills such as mountain biking, map and compass navigation, photography, wilderness first aid and trail running. Sacramento Valley Conservancy is dedicated to preservation of natural habitats and to educating user groups of all ages about the outdoors through a diversity of programs including recreational activities. These attributes align with REI mission to inspire educate for a lifetime of outdoor adventure and stewardship, which has led to multiple REI grant awards for Sacramento Valley Conservancy.

Please consider designating the Sacramento Valley Conservancy for the District 2, Recreation, Parks and Leisure Hall of Honor 2017 award.

Signed,

Erin Harrington

REI Outdoor Programs and Outreach Market Coordinator – Sierra Region



We inspire, educate and outfit for a lifetime  
of outdoor adventure and stewardship.



**SACRAMENTO-SHASTA CHAPTER OF THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY**  
1017 L STREET PMB #245, SACRAMENTO, CA 95814

October 6, 2016

California Park and Recreation Society District II, Hall of Honor Committee  
Attention: Barbara Wackford, Chair of the Nominations Sub-Committee  
5618 Delcliff Circle, Sacramento, CA 95822

Dear Barbara and Members of the CPRS Hall of Honor Committee,

The Sacramento-Shasta Chapter of the Wildlife Society is pleased to support the Sacramento Valley Conservancy (SVC) for their recognition by the CPRS, District II - Recreation, Parks and Leisure Hall of Honor for the 2017 year. We support the nomination of SVC for the 2017 Hall of Honor Regional Treasure Award.

SVC is a strong proponent for leisure and recreation opportunities for the Sacramento and CPRS District II region and beyond, both at conserved managed lands (Deer Creek Hills Preserve) and in urban Sacramento (Camp Pollock, and the historic lodge). SVC regularly promotes recreational opportunities, including mountain bike and equestrian riding at the 4,000-acre Deer Creek Hills Preserve in Sacramento County, managed in partnership with Sacramento County Regional Parks, the County of Sacramento, California Department of Parks and Recreation and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife. Their calendar is filled with opportunities for leisure with open trail maintenance, as well as partnering for guided or interpreted hikes. Their recent partnership with Sacramento municipalities for the "May is Bike Month" road closures helped promote appreciation of the southeastern Sacramento County scenic corridor and vista surrounding Deer Creek Hills Preserve. Another 13,000+ acres are owned and/or managed promote the beauty and character, as well as wildlife and habitat diversity of the Sacramento region.

SVC also organizes events to support youth and the community at the 11-acre Camp Pollock, located along the "jewel of Sacramento" - The lower American River Parkway - just north of downtown Sacramento. The property is open to the public every day - with access to the American River, large open field for sports or recreation, and the historic lodge make for a picturesque retreat in urban Sacramento. Events such as SVC's annual "Glamp Out" provides an urban camping experience, as well as family educational opportunity, including the "Leave No Trace" ethics of land use. Their featured summertime "Riverside Concert Series" is staged under the shady canopy of California sycamores at the Camp's courtyard. This regular summertime event facilitates music enjoyment, and provides a unique place for community members to unwind after work, share a meal and socialize with new and old friends. Further, SVC is undergoing a renovation of the historic lodge at Camp Pollock as a means to serve the greater community through restoration of the lodge's historical value and to provide a meeting place for community and other organizations. The riverside experience that Camp Pollock

offers is unmatched in Sacramento, and one that draws regular attendance for their events, which in turn bolsters the local economy.

As a local chapter of the international organization (The Wildlife Society), we appreciate and recognize SVC as a critical community partner to foster our own mission, and meet our Chapter's own similar goals for our membership (consisting of California's 23 northeastern counties from Sacramento to Modoc). As a volunteer-based, 501(c)(3) consisting of professional biologists and others, our Chapter's mission includes promoting sound land and habitat stewardship, conservation of wildlife and habitat, and increasing awareness and appreciation of wildlife values and ecosystem services. SVC recently worked to obtain under conservation easement over 1,000 acres of habitat for the federal- and state-threatened California tiger salamander in southeastern Sacramento County at the Guitere Preserve. SVC's management of another 7,000+ acres of habitat includes blue and valley oak woodlands, vernal pool preserves and riparian corridors, which provide habitat for species that our Chapter membership are interested in and engaged with, such as migratory birds, amphibians, raptors, vernal pool invertebrates and others. Our Chapter continues to explore opportunities with SVC that engage our mutual membership, as well as the greater community, such as youth and community outreach (for example, screening conservation and wildlife movies for public enjoyment at Camp Pollock as well as nature-based activities), weighing issues through our Conservation Affairs Committee, and considering training or workshop opportunities through our Professional Development Committee.

We urge the California Park and Recreation Society District II, Hall of Honor Committee to recognize the Sacramento Valley Conservancy for their excellence in offering leisure and recreation opportunities, and their dedication to improve the quality of life in the Sacramento region and beyond. Please consider awarding the Sacramento Valley Conservancy the Regional Treasure Category - Hall of Honor 2017 award.

Sincerely,

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President Elect & Acting Professional Development Chair

On behalf of the Sacramento-Shasta Chapter of the Wildlife Society Executive Board

October 1, 2016

To Who it May Concern:

I am writing this letter on behalf of the American River Parkway Volunteer Equestrian Trail Patrol (ARPVETP) in support of Sacramento Valley Conservancy's submission to be recognized with the Regional Treasure Award by the California Parks and Recreation Society, District 2, Recreation, Parks and Leisure Hall of Honor 2017. We are honored to nominate the Sacramento Valley Conservancy for the 2017 Hall of Honor Regional Treasure award.

The ARPVET's mission is to promote safety in the use of Sacramento County Park property and facilities, to provide goodwill and assistance to those public members that use the park system. The Sacramento Valley Conservancy provides opportunities to the public to enjoy and recreate in the open space that they manage.

As a community partner and supporter of the Sacramento Valley Conservancy, the ARPVET, recognizes the Conservancy as a Regional Treasure. ARPVETP members have had numerous opportunities to work with SVC staff and the public when patrolling on the American River Parkway and out at Deer Creek Hills. The ARPVETP has worked with SVC staff to install a hitching post at Camp Pollock for use by all equestrians who ride on the American River Parkway. Working with SVC has allowed for increased enhancement of safety for park users, provided recreational and educational opportunities and thus helped to improve the quality of life for all public users in the Sacramento and outlying areas.

Please consider designating the Sacramento Valley Conservancy for the District 2, Recreation, Parks and Leisure Hall of Honor 2017 award.

Signed,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Susan Fossum", written in a cursive style.

Susan Fossum  
President  
ARPVETP