California League of Park Associations
Annual Awards Criteria
2022

Park Partner Award

Objective: To recognize a California State Parks Cooperating Association who exemplifies the spirit of partnership, collaboration, and innovation.

Selection criteria:

1. Must be a member in good standing with CALPA
2. Nomination must be co-supported by CALPA and the Partnership Office of California State Parks.
3. Organizations should demonstrate one or more of the following selection criteria:
    a. Exceled in defining and meeting the partnership needs of California State parks.
    b. Provided innovative and sustainable solutions to a defined State Park need.
    c. Created paths that enhance the visitor experience.
    d. The Partnership Awards can recognize both one remarkable achievement or in recognition of sustained superior service to our California State Parks.
4. Nomination process: Nominations will be accepted by park partners and state park staff. Award winners will be chosen from the nominees by a panel of board members. Awards will be presented annually at the biannual CALPA conference or partnership training.

Volunteer Based Project Award

Objective: The Volunteer Based Project Award recognizes a singular accomplishment that advances the mission of California State Parks.

Selection criteria:

1. Nominated organizations should demonstrate one or more of the following selection criteria:
    a. Project completed by a volunteer-based organizations with no paid staff.
    b. Project was recognized via the annual State Park planning process
    c. Project is complete
2. Nomination process: Nominations will be accepted by park partners and state park staff. Award winners will be chosen from the nominees by a panel of board members. Awards will be presented annually at the biannual CALPA conference or partnership training.

State Park Partnership Award

Objective: The State Park Partnership Award recognizes a California State Park employee for outstanding accomplishments in championing, cultivating and leading a partnership.

Selection criteria:

1. Must be a current or past employee of California State Parks
2. Nominee should demonstrate one or more of the following selection criteria:
    a. Recognize sustained superior service to a member of CALPA in meeting the missions of both organizations.
    b. Provide leadership to an organization that elevates the impact of that organization to State Parks.
3. Nomination process: Nominations will be accepted by park partners and state park staff. Award winners will be chosen from the nominees by a panel of board members. Awards will be presented annually at the biannual CALPA conference or partnership training.

Legacy Award

Objective: The Legacy Award recognizes an individual or organization for sustained leadership to the mission of California State Parks, over a long period of time, that has amplified the work of State Park partnerships.

Selection criteria:

1. Nominated individuals or organizations should demonstrate one or more of the following selection criteria:
    a. Sustained support for the mission of California State Parks.
    b. History of supporting State Park Cooperating Associations, and other partners, in remarkable ways that have creating lasting and sustainable impact to both the organizations and our parks
2. Nomination process: Nominations will be accepted by park partners and state park staff. Award winners will be chosen from the nominees by a panel of board members. Awards will be presented annually at the biannual CALPA conference or partnership training.