

ENVIRONMENTAL AWARD PROGRAM HISTORY



The City of Encinitas Environmental Commission is proud to expand its prestigious Environmental Award Program (EAP), founded in 2014 thanks to the efforts of commissioners Jim Wang, Joy Lyndes and her company Coastal Sage. In addition to the two Excellence in Environmental Stewardship awards that were historically granted to a for-profit business and a non-profit business each year between 2015 and 2018, in 2019 the Commission added a new Environmental Hero category to recognize both an adult and a youth that are not necessarily affiliated with a business. The EAP, in partnership with The Surfing Madonna Oceans Project, seeks to recognize deserving individuals, businesses and non-profits for their commitment to environmental stewardship and outstanding environmental achievements in the city.

PAST WINNERS OF ENVIRONMENTAL AWARD PROGRAM

2018

In 2018, the Environmental Award Program had a record number of nominations submitted. These nominations were carefully reviewed by five independent judges. The Winner of the 2018 Environmental Award Program for the **Non-profit category** was the **San Elijo Lagoon Conservancy**. The San Elijo Lagoon Conservancy, now called [The Nature Collective](#), has been preserving and enhancing the San Elijo Lagoon for decades, allowing many migrating wildlife to have a safe landing place to rest and rejuvenate. The Conservancy provides education for all generations and a peaceful place to connect with nature and leisurely walk.

The winner of the **2018 Environmental Award for the Business Category** was **Patagonia**. Patagonia Cardiff by the Sea splits its profits between charitable causes and shareholders. Patagonia engages the community, promotes sustainability and awareness, and combats marine debris through beach cleanups with I Love A Clean San Diego.

The **2018 Awards** were delivered on Sunday, October 7, 2018 at the Surfing Madonna Beach Run by the City of Encinitas Mayor, Catherine Blakespear. In 2018, the awards were made of recycled glass and presented to **Doug Gibson, Executive Director and Chief Scientist of the San Elijo Lagoon Conservancy** (Non-profit category) and to **Brian Callaway, Patagonia Cardiff's Retail Floor Lead** (Business category) and outdoor enthusiast.



2017

Two Encinitas Businesses Win 2017 Environmental Excellence Awards

On November 5, 2017, Encinitas Mayor Catherine Blakespear presented awards for Excellence in Environmental Stewardship to two Encinitas individuals for their organizations' commitments and dedication to environmental awareness and for demonstrating outstanding eco-friendly practices and contributions to our community. This is the 3rd year for this Environmental Commission initiated Environmental Awards Program (EAP).

Winning in the **Non-profit or Individual category** was **Mim Michelove, co-founder of the non-profit [Healthy Day Partners](#)**, which has worked with schools for over a decade to teach children and parents about the complete cycle of food, from farming to healthy eating to sustainability.

Winning in the **For-profit business category** was **Rich Risner, owner of [Grounded Landscape Architecture](#)**, which promotes environmentally-sensitive landscapes using drought-tolerant plants and landscape planning which creates spaces in appropriate balance with nature.

"Congratulations to our deserving 2017 award winners, and thank you to all the EAP volunteers, sponsors, judges and our Encinitas community for your outstanding efforts to set a high standard for environmental stewardship."

“These awards give our environmentally friendly residents and businesses the recognition they so greatly deserve for being forward-thinkers and community leaders in environmental stewardship,” explains Encinitas Environmental Commissioners Jim Wang and Joy Lyndes.

The **2017 EAP** was sponsored by the Encinitas Environmental Commission, the City of Encinitas, Surfing Madonna Oceans Project and Coastal SAGE Landscape Architecture.

This year the awards for **2017** were made from colorful recycled glass instead of artwork presented by a local artist.

Mayor Blakespear presented these awards at the November 5, 2017 Surfing Madonna Beach Run after running the in the race. This year the race made an official attempt to set a Guinness world record as the world's largest run on sand. Surfing Madonna's mission is to keep our oceans clean, our coastline protected, and to provide opportunities for disabled kids and adults to experience the healing power of the ocean; and is a nonprofit organization dedicated to protecting our ocean from the harmful effects of pollution, and to cultivating new ocean advocates.

[2016](#)

The **2016** winner in the **individual/non-profit category** was **Brad Roth** for his tireless commitment to the [Cottonwood Creek Conservancy](#). For over twenty years, Brad has devoted countless hours to the preservation and restoration the creek, often educating, inspiring and leading teams of volunteers.

The **2016** winner in the **business category** was [Encinitas Foreign & Domestic Auto Repair](#), a company that is eco-friendly throughout: its solar powered and energy efficient, it recycles whenever possible, and it segregates and isolates aerosols, cleaners and other toxins.

The two artists selected in 2016 to create the Environmental Awards were Christina Zeller of [Christina Zeller Art & Design](#) and [Nate Main](#), illustrator and designer.

[2015](#)

In **2015**, Encinitas Environmental Award Program winners included the [Solana Center for Environmental Innovation](#), and [GoodOnYa Organic Deli](#). The Solana Center received this award for their long history of promoting sustainable practices, recycling, composting, local cleanups, and environmental education. GoodOnYa received the award for their environmental and organic practices throughout their product lines, equipment, operations, and company culture.

This first year of the Environmental Award Program, two artists were solicited to make the awards to be given to the recipients. The art had to be original and environmentally themed. The artists had to be local Encinitas residents. The artists were compensated for their work by the Commission. The two artists in 2015 were [Artie Mattson](#) and [Tom Scott](#).

History

Encinitas Inaugurates Environmental Award Program

Encinitas, CA – June 29, 2015 - The City of Encinitas Environmental Commission is pleased to announce its new Environmental Award Program (EAP). This program recognizes and congratulates individuals, organizations, and businesses in the City for exceptional environmental achievements.

The Encinitas EAP will present two awards annually, one for individuals or non-profit organizations, and one for businesses. Candidates are peer-nominated and must be Encinitas residents or located in Encinitas. Winners will be selected by a jury of recognized environmental leaders.

The Encinitas EAP is the first award of its kind in San Diego County and is one of few in the United States.

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