



## CPRS District 6 Annual Awards and Volunteer Recognition Breakfast Packet

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Dear CPRS District 6 Professional:

The California Park and Recreation Society (CPRS) District 6 Awards and Volunteer Recognition Breakfast will be held on **February 8, 2024 at the Watsonville Community Room, 275 Main St. starting at 9:00 am.**

At this special event, CPRS honors outstanding individuals for their professional and volunteer contributions to the fields of parks, recreation and human services.

Attached please find applications for the following CPRS District 6 awards:

- **Volunteer & Sponsor Citation Award** is presented to a person or organization whose voluntary contribution of time and effort to recreation, park and human services programs significantly improved services. *Each agency may submit as many volunteer and sponsor nominations as they wish.*
- **Professional Merit Award** is presented to full, part-time, contractual or seasonal employees who have made a significant contribution to their agency or the field of parks, recreation and/or human services. *Each agency may submit as many nominations as they wish.*
- **Award of Excellence** recognizes outstanding projects or programs in the categories of *Recreation Programming, Promoting Healthy Communities, Parks Planning, Facility Design* or other related areas. Award of Excellence serves to recognize and promote agency successes, new creative approaches and best practices. *Each agency may select one (1) project or program for each category, provided projects and programs meet the specified criteria.*
- **Rising Professional Award** recognizes an individual who has contributed significantly to the profession in fields of parks, recreation and/or human services. The nominee will have 5 years or less of service in the profession. The nominee does not have to be a current CPRS member. *Each agency may select one (1) nomination.*
- **Distinguished Professional Award** for lifetime achievement is District 6's highest award. It may be presented to a professional who has demonstrated leadership and initiative and has made significant contributions to CPRS and the fields of parks, recreation and/or human services. *Each agency may submit one (1) nomination.*

**All awards, except the Distinguished Professional Award and Rising Professional Award, are non-competitive. Each nomination costs \$25.00.** A review committee, chaired by District 6 board members, will review submittals to ensure applicants meet award criteria. **Recipients will be recognized at the CPRS District 6 Awards and Volunteer Recognition Breakfast on February 8<sup>th</sup>.** Information regarding the Awards and Volunteer Recognition Breakfast is attached (page 8).

Submission of award materials should be coordinated within each agency, since agencies are limited in the number of honorees for some awards. All forms should be signed by the agency Director or Department Head. Please feel free to share this information with individuals in your agency who may not be current members of CPRS and to make copies should you need more.

**Please submit award materials with necessary payment by 5:00 pm on Friday, January 26th; award applications will not be accepted after this date.** All applications received after the deadline or without payment will be returned to submitting agency.

**Each nomination will need to have the following:**

1. Completed application form: Due Friday, January 26th
2. Email narrative to **DLawson-Thomas@santacruzca.gov**
3. Two (2) digital pictures of the nominee in .jpg form, emailed to **DLawson-Thomas@santacruzca.gov**
4. Payment of \$25 per nomination. Pay by check or credit card. Checks should be made payable to: "CPRS District 6." Mail checks to Sarah Shea 979 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Santa Cruz, CA 95062. Credit card via Pay Pal, log into Pay Pal. Submit payments to [cprsd6@gmail.com](mailto:cprsd6@gmail.com), and note, "CPRS D6 Awards".
5. Breakfast reservation for those being recognized, their family members and/or members of your agency. (*form attached*)

We look forward to your presence at the CPRS District 6 Annual Awards and Volunteer Recognition Breakfast. If you have any questions, please contact Iseth Rae at (408) 866-2741 or [isethr@campbellca.gov](mailto:isethr@campbellca.gov) or DC Lawson-Thomas at (831) 420-5266 or [dlawson-thomas@santacruzca.gov](mailto:dlawson-thomas@santacruzca.gov).

Sincerely,

Iseth Rae CPRS District 6 President

Daniel Lawson Thomas, CPRS District 6 President Elect





## CPRS District 6 Professional Merit Award Nomination Application



**ELEGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:**

1. Candidate(s) must be full-time, part-time, contractual, or seasonal employee(s) of a District 6 agency.
2. Candidates must have made a **significant** contribution to their agency or the fields of parks, recreation, and/or human services, **above and beyond the duties of their job**. Typical contributions might include, but not limited to, the following areas:
  - a. New program and/or practice introduced.
  - b. Involvement in professional affiliations (e.g. CPRS, NRPA, etc.).
  - c. Involvement with community-based organizations.
  - d. Published articles in CPRS, professional and/or in-house journals and publications.
  - e. Outstanding administrative, supervisory, and/or leadership ability, professionalism, and/or initiative.
  - f. Significant contribution(s) to CPRS, the parks and recreation profession and/or an agency.

Name of Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee's CPRS Member #: \_\_\_\_\_ Year joined CPRS: \_\_\_\_\_

Along with the nomination application, please provide a brief narrative as to why the nominee is receiving this award. ***The agency escort will be reading the narrative for the nomination at the Awards and Volunteer Recognition Breakfast. Please keep narrative to one (1) minute in length.***

Please email narrative and application to [DLawson-Thomas@santacruzca.gov](mailto:DLawson-Thomas@santacruzca.gov)

Agency Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address City ZIP





## CPRS District 6 Rising Professional Award Nomination Application



### SELECTION CRITERIA

1. Contributions or service must have positively affected the profession at the District, State, and/ or National level; and must have been performed beyond the scope of the individual's job.
2. Typical contributions of the successful candidate might include, but are not limited to, the following areas:
  - a. Development of NEW initiatives, programs or facilities that improve quality of services to the community.
  - b. Response to a significant challenge and ability to find an innovative solution.
  - d. Provides excellent customer service both to internal and external customers. Displays professionalism and sees the "Big Picture" when making decisions.
  - e. Expresses an interest in continuing in the Parks and Recreation profession. Extends themselves above and beyond to increase their education through trainings, mentorships or stretch assignments.

Name of Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

Years involved with CPRS: \_\_\_\_\_

Along with the nomination application, please provide a brief narrative as to why the nominee is receiving this award. ***The agency escort will be reading the narrative for the nomination at the Awards and Volunteer Recognition Breakfast. Please keep narrative to two (2) minute in length.***

Please email narrative and application to [DLawson-Thomas@santacruzca.gov](mailto:DLawson-Thomas@santacruzca.gov)

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