



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 8th.** 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 17th Avenue, Santa Cruz, CA 95062. Credit card via Pay Pal, log into Pay Pal. Submit payments to 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 or DC Lawson-Thomas at (831) 420-5266 or dlawson-thomas@santacruzca.gov.

Sincerely,

Iseth Rae CPRS District 6 President

Daniel Lawson Thomas, CPRS District 6 President Elect



CPRS District 6 Volunteer/Sponsor Award
Nomination Application



☐ Volunteer Award

☐ Sponsor Award

Name of Honoree, as it should appear on the plaque:

Name of person(s) accepting the award, if different than above:

Sponsoring Agency: _____

Sponsoring Agency Escort Name(s): _____

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**

Agency Contact Person: _____ Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Address: _____
Address City ZIP



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**

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CPRS District 6 Distinguished 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. Significant contributions through CPRS District 6 committee work over a period of two or three years.
 - b. Active support of CPRS or services in local, state, or national professional groups, thereby furthering the cause of the profession.
 - c. Research, design or development of programs and facilities that have had a significant impact in providing recreational opportunities on a district, statewide and/or national level.

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**

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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**

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CPRS District 6 Annual Awards and Volunteer Recognition Breakfast Registration and Payment Form

Thursday, February 8, 2024 : Event begins at 9:00 am
Watsonville Community Center
275 Main St, Watsonville, CA 95076

Agency: _____

Contact Person: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____
Address City ZIP

| Attendee Name (first and last) | Title/Organization |
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Shopping Cart

of Award Nominations _____ x \$25.00 = \$ _____

Total to Charge= \$ _____

Payment Options:

- ☐ Enclosed is my check for the amount listed above
Please make check payable to CPRS District 6 and mail to:
979 17th Avenue, Santa Cruz 95062. *Attn: Sarah Shea*
- ☐ I would like to pay by credit card. Log into Pay Pal. Submit payment to
CPRSD6@gmail.com. Add note, "CPRS District 6 Awards."
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Award Nominations and Breakfast Reservations Due Friday, January 26, 2024