

December 5, 2023

RE: ***Nominations for MCL's 2024 Environmental Achievement Awards are now being accepted!***

Dear Friend of MCL:

Marin Conservation League has been recognizing individuals, organizations, businesses, and agencies and their employees for their actions leading to the preservation and protection of Marin's environment, sustaining it for future generations, since 1981.

This year, MCL is expanding its environmental achievement award nominations process to include MCL's membership and the public, providing greater opportunity for all of us to know and honor the many that are active in our local community. If you know someone who is working to protect the environment, please consider nominating them for an award.

In this packet, you will find a description of MCL's award categories, a list of previous awardees, and ***a nomination form***. **A fillable pdf is included as a separate document for convenience.** Please contact the MCL office: (415) 485-6257 or [mcl@marinconservationleague.org](mailto:mcl@marinconservationleague.org) if you have any questions.

***The nomination deadline has been extended.***

***Nominations are now due January 8!***

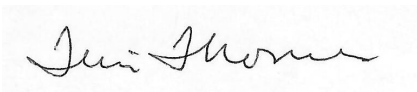
**Nominations will be reviewed as they come in on a rolling basis.**

A complete nomination may take research and collaboration. We recommend working on your submission without delay!

**Please return completed forms by email to [mcl@marinconservationleague.org](mailto:mcl@marinconservationleague.org), or by mail to Marin Conservation League, 175 N. Redwood Hwy, Suite 135, San Rafael, CA 94903.**

A panel of MCL board directors will choose MCL's 2024 awardees in January from submitted nominations. Awardees will be honored at MCL's Annual Meeting in April 2024.

We sincerely thank you for your participation!



Terri Thomas  
MCL President

P.S. To read profiles of MCL's unique and honorable **2023** environmental awardees and their achievements, see MCL's Sept Oct [newsletter](#).



## 2024 Awards for Environmental Achievement Nomination Form

### Select Award Category

(See subsequent pages for award descriptions and a list of past winners.)

<input type="checkbox"/> Peter Behr Lifetime Achievement Award	<input type="checkbox"/> John McPhail Green Business Award	<input type="checkbox"/> Marin Green Award For Env Leadership
<input type="checkbox"/> Ted Wellman Water Award	<input type="checkbox"/> MCL Volunteer Award [Board nominated]	<input type="checkbox"/> MCL Special Award for Env Achievement
<input type="checkbox"/> Youth Award for Env Leadership		

Nominee's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

City of residence: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Nomination submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominator's phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please provide the names and contact information of up to two others familiar with the Nominee's environmental work.

Reference Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Reference Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_



## Marin Conservation League's Environmental Achievement Award Categories

The **Peter Behr Lifetime Achievement Award** is presented to a person whose lifetime achievements reflect exemplary standards for preservation and protection of Marin's natural assets. The award is named for Peter Behr, city councilman, county supervisor and state senator, in honor of his legacy of service.

The **Marin Green Award for Environmental Leadership** recognizes an individual or organization for outstanding contributions toward preserving and protecting the natural assets of Marin County.

The **Ted Wellman Water Award** is presented to an individual or organization who maintains Ted Wellman's high standards for protecting and preserving water resources in Marin and the state.

The **Youth Award for Environmental Leadership** recognizes a Marin high school or college student who has made significant contributions to the community by seeking innovative solutions to environmental problems and issues.

The **John M McPhail, Jr. Green Business Award** is awarded to a Marin enterprise that exemplifies environmental sensitivity in business and which has supported and improved communication between the business and environmental communities.

The **MCL Volunteer Award** honors a MCL volunteer who has generously shared their time and talent to help MCL realize its mission. *Nominations for this award are submitted by MCL Board members only.*

**MCL's Special Award for Environmental Achievement.** Annually, Marin Conservation League bestows six awards for outstanding environmental achievement. On rare occasions, MCL also selects an individual or organization whose leadership and accomplishments fall outside MCL's traditional award categories for environmental achievement.

## **Marin Conservation League's Environmental Achievement Award Recipients**

### **Peter Behr Lifetime Achievement Award**

The **Peter Behr Lifetime Achievement Award** is presented to a person whose lifetime achievements reflect exemplary standards for preservation and protection of Marin's natural assets. The award is named for Peter Behr, city councilman, county supervisor, and state senator in honor of his legacy of service.

2023	Carlos Porrata
2022	Doug Wilson (posthumous)
2021	Susan Stompe
2020	Dr. L. Martin Griffin
2019	Don Dickenson
2018	Nona Dennis
2017	Fran Pavley
2016	Gary Giacomini
2015	Congressman George Miller
2014	Jean Berensmeier
2013	Bob Berner
2012	Peter Douglas
2011	Wilma Follette
2010	Maurice "Skip" Schwartz
2009	Harold Gilliam
2008	Clem Shute
2007	Amy Meyer
2006	Edgar Wayburn Family
2005	Byron Sher
2004	Gerald Meral
2003	Ellen Straus (posthumous)
2002	Jean Starkweather
2001	Jane Mills
2000	Kay Holbrook
1999	Elizabeth Terwilliger
1998	Salem Rice
1997	Peter Behr

### **John M. McPhail, Jr. Green Business Award**

The John M. McPhail, Jr. Green Business Award is awarded to a business in Marin which exemplifies environmental sensitivity in business, and which has supported and improved communication between the business and environmental communities.

2023	Bartlett Tree Experts
2022	Conservation Corps North Bay
2021	Cyane Dandridge, SEI and the Marin School of Environmental Leadership
2020	Bellam Self Storage & Boxes
2019	VenturePad

2018 Redwood Landfill  
 2017 Equinox Landscape  
 2016 Kamman Hydrology  
 2015 Lafranchi Ranch  
 2014 Nancy Scolari, Marin Resource Conservation District  
 2013 Tamalpais Community Services District  
 2012 Hurricane Hauling & Demolition, Inc.  
 2011 Chileno Valley Ranch  
 2010 Muir Woods Trading Company  
 2009 Dominican University Green MBA  
 2008 Marin Farmers Market  
 2007 Ken Kurtzig, iReuse LLC  
 2006 Greg Snowden, Green Fusion Design  
 2005 Peter Martinelli  
 2004 Steve McNamara, the Pacific Sun  
 2003 Alex Hinds and the Marin County Development Agency  
 2002 Birkenstock  
 2000 Sim Van der Ryn  
 1998 Gardeners' Guild  
 1997 Straus Family Creamery  
 1996 City of San Rafael; Samuelson, Hornaday, Schafer  
 1994 Larry E. Rosenberger and Fair, Isaac and Company  
 1993 Joe and Patty Garbarino, Marin Recycling  
 1992 Mill Valley Market  
 1991 Jack McPhail

### **Youth Award for Environmental Leadership**

The Youth Award for Environmental Leadership recognizes Marin high school or college student who have made significant contributions to the community by seeking innovative solutions to environmental problems and issues.

2023 Reva Siu, College of Marin  
 2022 Marta Tobar, College of Marin  
 2021 Jeremy Lewis, College of Marin  
 2020 Niklas Alexander Ugalde Recarte  
 2019 Lori Gerstenfeld  
 2014 Jolon Timms, Branson School  
 2012 Eli Grinberg and Willa Murphy, Sir Francis Drake High School  
 2010 Emma Feshbach, San Domenico School  
 2009 Carly Wertheim, Redwood High School  
 2008 Max Perrey, Tamalpais High School  
 2007 Mika Kie Weissbuch and Steve Whitlock  
 2006 Roxanne Hulme  
 2005 Natalie Pellolio, Zack Ruskin  
 2004 Rachel DeWitt, Kimberly Smith

## **Marin Green Award for Environmental Leadership**

The Marin Green Award for Environmental Leadership is **awarded** annually to recognize an individual or organization for outstanding contributions toward preserving and protecting the natural assets of Marin County.

2023	Jerry Riessen, Tiburon Open Space
2022	Sharon Farrell
2021	Terrie Green
2020	Environmental Forum of Marin
2019	Jeff Creque, Marin Carbon Project
2018	Tamalpais Lands Collaborative (One Tam)
2017	Tamra Peters
2016	Kathy Cuneo
2015	Marin Open Space Trust (MOST)
2014	Mike Swezy
2013	Marge Macris
2012	Harry Seraydarian, North Bay Watershed Association
2011	Marla Lafer, Regional Water Quality Control Board
2010	Inka Benton
2009	Bob Berner, Executive Director of Marin Agricultural Land Trust (MALT)
2008	Sustainability Team, Marin County Community Development Agency
2007	Jonathan Braun
2006	Neysa King, Tomales Bay Watershed Council
2005	Frances Briggmann
2004	Gordon Bennett
2003	Marin Baylands Advocates, chaired by Barbara Salzman
2002	Jean Berensmeier
2001	Larry Smith
2000	Terri Nevins
1999	Dee Welte
1998	Jean Starkweather
1997	Warner Ridge Coalition and Tamalpais Conservation Club
1996	Brian O'Neill
1995	Barbara Salzman
1994	Marin Conservation Corps
1993	Susan Stompe
1992	Community Marin Task Force (Jean Berensmeier, Priscilla Bull, Don Dickenson, Steve Kinsey, Marge Macris, Katherine Miller, Eric Mohr, Bill Noble, Barbara Salzman, Jean Starkweather, Gail Wilhelm)
1991	Elizabeth Terwilliger
1990	Phyllis Faber
1989	Katherine H. Holbrook
1988	Pierre Joske
1987	Gloria Duncan
1986	Peter Behr

1985 Ted Wellman  
1984 Emme Gilman  
1983 Bob Raab  
1982 Grace Wellman  
1981 Gordon Strawbridge

### **Marin Conservation League Volunteer Award**

The Marin Conservation League Volunteer Award honors one or more volunteers who have generously shared their time and talent to help MCL realize its mission.

2023 Larry Minikes  
2022 Mike Swezy  
2021 Jeff Stump  
2020 Doug Wilson  
2019 Kate Powers  
2018 Ken Drexler  
2017 Sally Gale and David Lewis  
2016 Vicki Nichols  
2015 Priscilla Bull  
2014 Ann Thomas  
2013 Barbara Ford  
2012 Nona Dennis  
2011 Roger Roberts  
2010 Karen Nygren  
2009 Susan Stompe  
2008 Jana Haehl  
2007 Ken Drexler  
2006 Linda Novy  
2005 Gil Thomson (posthumous)  
2004 Don Wilhelm  
2003 Don Dickenson  
2002 David Coury  
2001 Kathy Lowrey  
2000 St. Vincent/Silveira Task Force (Nona Dennis, Marge Macris, Frank Nelson, Karen Nygren)  
1999 David Schonbrunn  
1998 Judith McClarin, Anita Franzi  
1997 John Starkweather  
1996 Roger Hooper  
1995 Eric Mohr  
1994 Barbara Farley  
1993 Alex Macmillan  
1992 Doris Lindfors  
1991 Jim Canepa  
1990 Ken Drexler  
1989 Larry Smith



1988 Katherine H. Holbrook  
1987 Collie Kimball  
1986 Newt and Nancy Wise  
1985 Cliff Shireman  
1984 Frank Monctrief  
1983 Willa Marten  
1982 Clarice Ball  
1981 Megan Mery

### **Ted Wellman Water Award**

The Ted Wellman Water Award is presented to an awardee who maintains Ted Wellman's high standards for protecting and preserving water resources in Marin and the state.

2023 Judy Schriebman  
2022 Marin Water's Lagunitas Creek Fisheries Program—Greg Andrews, Eric Ettlinger, Jonathan Koehler  
2021 Chris Choo  
2020 Bay Shore Studies  
2019 Beth Huning  
2018 Leslie Ferguson and Gail Seymour  
2017 Roger Roberts  
2016 Laurette Rogers  
2015 Prunuske Chatham  
2014 Gallinas Watershed Council  
2013 PRBO Conservation Science  
2012 Trout Unlimited, North Bay Chapter  
2011 Cynthia Koehler, Environmental Defense Fund  
2010 Giacomini Wetlands Restoration Project at Point Reyes National Seashore  
2009 The Volunteers of the Bay-Friendly Garden Walk  
2008 Salmon Protection and Watershed Network (SPAWN)  
2007 Sandy Guldman  
2006 William Kier  
2005 Byron Leydecker  
2004 Priscilla Bull  
2003 Liz Lewis, Marin County Stormwater Pollution Prevention Program  
2002 Jared Huffman, Marin Municipal Water District  
2001 Pegi Knopp Sobey  
1999 Friends of Corte Madera Creek  
1998 Marin County Resource Conservation District  
1997 Marty Griffin, Russian River and Water Resources of Marin and Sonoma  
1996 Bob Raab, Bay Delta Protection  
1995 William T. Davoren, State Water Issues and San Francisco Bay  
1994 Martha Davis, Mono Lake  
1993 Congressman George Miller, Central Valley Improvement Act of 1992  
1992 Steve Kinsey, County Water Supply  
1991 Ike Livermore, Resources Agency Director

- 1990 Pamela Lloyd, California and County Water
- 1989 Planning and Conservation League, Parks and Wildlife Bond Act
- 1988 Peter H. Behr, Wild and Scenic Rivers
- 1987 Assemblyman Phil Isenberg

### **MCL's Special Award for Environmental Achievement**

Annually, Marin Conservation League bestows six awards for outstanding environmental achievement. On rare occasions, MCL also selects an individual or organization whose leadership and accomplishments fall outside MCL's traditional award categories and awards them MCL's Special Award for Environmental Achievement.

- 2023 Tom Lai, Marin County Community Development Director
- 2022 Chileno Valley Newt Brigade
- 2021 Burr Heneman
- 2019 Rebecca Burgess, Fibershed
- 2017 Jack Liebster
- 2014 Kelly+Yamamoto Productions, "Rebels with a Cause"
- 2011 Supervisor Hal Brown

Seeking **Nominations** for  
MCL's 2024 **Environmental Achievement Awards**

Download a nomination packet from our website: [marinconservationleague.org](https://marinconservationleague.org)  
Questions? Please contact [mcl@marinconservationleague.org](mailto:mcl@marinconservationleague.org) or 415 485-6257  
Nominations deadline extended to **January 8.**



See profiles of MCL's 2023 Environmental Achievements Awards in  
MCL's [Sept Oct Newsletter](#).