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Sustainable Recreation / CALREC Vision Key Working Group Awarded USFS Regional Forester's "Partnership of the Year"

Sacramento, Calif., December 14, 2022 – The Leadership Team of the Sustainable Recreation/CALREC Vision Key Working Group (SRCRV) was awarded a Regional Forester's Honor Award for Partnership of the Year from the U.S. Forest Service Pacific Southwest Region in recognition of the Leadership Team's efforts to develop *California's Joint Strategy for Sustainable Outdoor Recreation and Wildfire Resilience* for [California's Wildfire & Forest Resilience Task Force](#). The Joint Strategy satisfies [Key Actions 3.13 and 3.14](#) of the [California Wildfire and Forest Resilience Action Plan](#). The California Wildfire and Forest Resilience Task Force will publish the Joint Strategy in early 2023.

"In the span of a single year, the SRCRV collaborative team has taken an idea and turned it into the first joint strategy addressing the nexus between forest health and resilience and the public's access to and enjoyment of these (public) lands," wrote Jim Bacon, Director of Public Services of the U.S. Forest Service Pacific Southwest Region. "Overall, this was one of the most well-managed, efficient, and most importantly, inclusive efforts I've been a part of, especially for the pace at which it was conducted. The SRCRV team developed an inclusive approach to creating the Joint Strategy that included targeted organizations representing the universe of outdoor recreation and public land management across the state."

The Joint Strategy provides goals and 31 key actions that address the interconnected nature of forest health, wildfire mitigation and recovery, and public access to sustainable outdoor recreation. The key actions will be implemented by federal, state, regional, and local partners, across jurisdictions and areas of expertise, under the auspices of the California Wildfire and Forest Resilience Task Force.

The award recipients include:

- Angela Avery, Sierra Nevada Conservancy
- Matt Driscoll, Sierra Nevada Conservancy
- Austin McNerny, Consensus and Collaboration Program, College of Continuing Education, Sacramento State University
- Bill Keene, Climate Equity Solutions Inc.



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- Danna Stroud, Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development
- John Wentworth, Mammoth Lakes Trails and Public Access Foundation
- Kristy Williams, Mammoth Lakes Trails and Public Access Foundation
- Rita Keil, Mammoth Lakes Trails and Public Access Foundation



Joining USFS Pacific Southwest Regional Forester Jennifer Eberlein (center left) to accept the Partnership of the Year on behalf the entire SRCRV Leadership Team are (left to right) Bill Keene, John Wentworth, Austin McNerny, and USFS Deputy Director of Public Services Nancy Parachini at the Regional Foresters Awards Ceremony in Sacramento, CA, on December 14, 2022.

In the summer of 2021, California's Wildfire & Forest Resilience Task Force tasked CALREC Vision, an effort sponsored by the Mammoth Lakes Trails and Public Access Foundation, to establish, convene, and facilitate a Key Working Group to be co-led by the U.S. Forest Service and the State of California to produce a Joint Strategy for Sustainable Outdoor Recreation in California, which will satisfy Key Actions 3.13 and 3.14 from California's Wildfire & Forest Resilience Action Plan. Publication of the final Joint Strategy document — *California's Joint Strategy for Sustainable Outdoor Recreation and Wildfire Resilience* — is anticipated for early 2023. For additional information, please visit calrecvision.org.

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