

Cox and The Trust For Public Land Announce Lee Heller as California's 2016 Cox Conserves Hero

Press Release

SAN DIEGO, June 20, 2016 /3BL Media/ - Cox and The Trust for Public Land today named Lee Heller as California's 2016 Cox Conserves Hero. [Environmental Defense Center](#), Heller's nonprofit beneficiary, will receive \$10,000. Representing Orange County, San Diego and Santa Barbara, three finalists were chosen by local judging panels. The finalists then competed in an online public vote for the title of California's Cox Conserves Hero.

Heller advocates for outdoor recreation for individuals and their companion animals. Recognizing that Summerland Beach was being impacted by leaking and abandoned oil wells, she organized a coalition of concerned stakeholders to address the issue. Thanks to Heller's advocacy, the State Lands Commission is currently working toward future remediation opportunities.

The two runners-up each will each receive \$5,000 for their nonprofits of choice. Andrea Ramos, representing Orange County, selected [Inside The Outdoors](#) as her nonprofit of choice; San Diego finalist Margaret Godshalk chose [Environmental Health Coalition](#).

The Cox Conserves Heroes awards program was created through a partnership between The Trust for Public Land and Cox Enterprises, the parent company of Cox Communications. The program honors volunteers who create, preserve or enhance shared outdoor spaces. In California, the Cox Conserves Heroes program has honored more than 70 environmental volunteers and donated more than \$275,000 to their local nonprofits of choice. The program is sponsored in San Diego by Subaru.

Cox Conserves Heroes also takes place in Arizona, Georgia, Florida, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Virginia and Washington.

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About The Trust for Public Land:

The Trust for Public Land creates parks and protects land for people, ensuring healthy, livable communities for generations to come. Millions of people live within a one-half mile walk of a Trust for Public Land park, garden, or natural area, and millions more visit these sites every year. To support The Trust for Public Land and share why nature matters to you, visit <http://www.tpl.org>.

About Cox Conserves:

Launched in 2007 by Chairman [Jim Kennedy](#), Cox Conserves is Cox Enterprises' national sustainability program. Cox Conserves focuses on reducing waste and energy consumption, as well as conserving water. The program engages each of the company's major subsidiaries (Cox Communications, Cox Automotive and Cox Media Group) and encourages Cox Enterprises' 55,000 employees and their families to engage in eco-friendly practices.

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