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***UPDATED PRESS RELEASE:***

***2019 Annual Clean Air Leaders Awards***

***The Winners***

The Monterey Bay Air Resources District (MBARD) will hold its annual Clean Air Leaders Awards event on Thursday, May 16, 2019 from 6:30 – 8:30 pm at Wedgewood Carmel (formerly Rancho Canada), 4860 Carmel Valley Rd, Carmel, California.

Improving air quality and keeping clean air clean is fundamental to the quality of life in our communities. The Clean Air Leaders Awards provides recognition for initiatives undertaken by individuals, organizations, and agencies in Monterey, San Benito, and Santa Cruz counties.

This is a free event. There will be a buffet dinner and a no-host bar will be available.

WINNERS OF THE TOP CLEAN AIR LEADERS AWARDS:

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| **Name** | **Award Category** |
| John and Sandy D’Arrigo, D’Arrigo California | Climate Change Advocate |
| Dr. Peter Weiss, UCSC | Technology |
| Dick Bower, City of Carmel | Leadership |
| Estela Gutierrez, Salinas Valley Solid Waste Authority | Air Quality Education |

Special award, the Dean Flippo Clean Air Leader Award, will be presented to Simon Salinas; retired Supervisor from Monterey County Board of Supervisors and past member of MBARD’s Board of Directors, by Dean Flippo, retired Monterey County District Attorney.

CLEAN AIR LEADERS AWARDS OF DISTINCTION:

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| **Name** | **Award Category** |
| **Individual Awards** |  |
| Benjamin Eichert, Greenpower Romero Institute | Climate Change Advocate |
| Sharon Sarris, Monterey Bay Electric Vehicle Alliance | Technology |
| Douglas Seivwright, Naval Postgraduate School | Technology and Air Quality Education |
| Steve McShane | Leadership |
| Nikki Rodoni, Measure to Improve, LLC | Leadership |
| Beverly DesChaux | Leadership |
| Tom Habashi, Monterey Bay Community Power | Leadership |
| Jennifer Parks, Valley Women’s Club Environmental Committee for San Lorenzo Valley | Air Quality Education |
| **Business, Organization, and Agency Awards** |  |
| Lucky Supermarket, Sand City | Climate Change Advocate |
| Office Depot, Sand City | Climate Change Advocate |
| Monterey/Salinas Transit | Technology |
| KMG Chemicals | Technology |
| City of Sand City | Leadership |
| Terra Nova Ecological Landscaping | Leadership |
| Premo Roofing Company | Leadership |
| Santa Rita School District | Leadership |
| City of Sand City | Leadership |

ENERGY EFFICIENCY AWARDS TO JURISDICTIONS:

* Monterey County
* San Benito County
* City of Hollister
* City of Pacific Grove
* City of Santa Cruz
* City of Seaside
* City of Watsonville

For more information on the awards, and to RSVP attendance, please visit the website at [www.cleanairleaders.com](http://www.cleanairleaders.com).

For more information about the Monterey Bay Air Resources District and air quality, please visit the District’s website at [www.mbard.org](http://www.mbard.org).

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