

CCNM Manager Recognizes 18 New CCNM "Rock Stars"

Before leaving his role as the CCNM Manager and retiring from the BLM, Rick Hanks recognized 18 new CCNM Rock Star Award recipients who have each played an important role in helping with the success of the California Coastal National Monument. The recipients received their awards at various times throughout late winter and early spring of 2013. The new CCNM Rock Stars are as follows:



- **Tracy Albrecht** (BLM Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains National Monument Interpretive Specialist) - *for exemplary outreach support for California Coastal National Monument while serving as "BLM's Southern California National Monuments Interpretive Specialist"*; Presented by CCNM Manager Rick Hanks at the BLM Palm Springs/South Coast Field Office all-employees meeting in Palm Springs, CA, March 4, 2013
- **Barbara Croonquist** (BLM California Desert District Public Contact Representative) - *for exemplary outreach support for the Southern California portion of the California Coastal National Monument*; Presented by BLM California Desert Deputy District Manager for Outreach Steve Razo at the BLM California Desert District meeting in Moreno Valley, CA, March 4, 2013

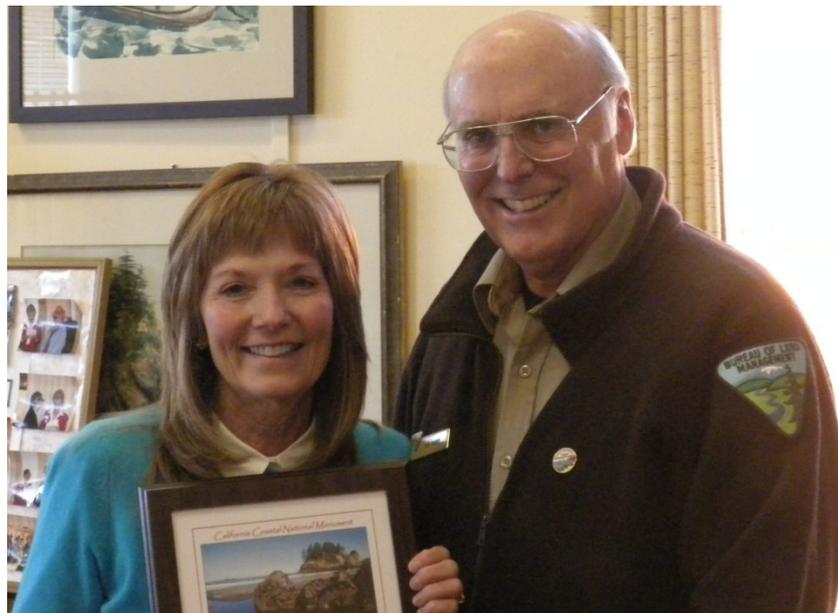
- **Greg Thomsen** (BLM California Desert District Project Manager) - *for exemplary role as the California Coastal National Monument's Southern California Coordinator*; Presented by California Desert District Manager Teri Rami at the BLM California Desert District meeting in Moreno Valley, CA, March 7, 2013
- **Eric Morgan** (BLM Fort Ord National Monument Manager) - *for his California Coastal National Monument role as the Project Manager of the Seabird Protection Network Point Sur to Point Mugu Chapter*; Presented by CCNM Manager Rick Hanks at the BLM Hollister Field Office all-employees meeting in Hollister, CA, March 12, 2013
- **Erik Zaborsky** (BLM Hollister Field Office Archaeologist) - *for more than a decade of support and coordination of the BLM Hollister Field Office portion of the California Coast National Monument*; Presented by CCNM Manager Rick Hanks at the BLM Hollister Field Office all-employees meeting, Hollister, CA, March 12, 2013



- **Cara O'Brien** (California State Parks San Luis Obispo Coast District State park Interpreter II) - *for her exemplary role as the Information and Outreach Component Leader for the Seabird Protection Network Point Sur to Point Mugu Chapter*; Presented by California State Parks San Luis Obispo Coast District Superintendent Nick Franco at the State Parks' district management meeting in San Simeon, CA, March 27, 2013
- **Jim Weigand** (BLM California State Office Ecologist) - *for excellence in coordinating and implementing the California Coastal National Monument's research and science efforts*; Presented by BLM California State Deputy Director for Natural Resources Tom Pogacnik at the BLM California State Office in Sacramento, CA, April 5, 2013



- **Leisyka Parrott** (BLM Arcata Field Office Interpretive Specialist) - *for developing innovative ways to implement the outreach goals of the California Coastal National Monument Trinidad Gateway*; Presented by CCNM Manager Rick Hanks at the CCNM Trinidad Gateway meeting in Trinidad, CA, April 12, 2013



- **Lynda Roush** (BLM Arcata Field Office Manager) - *for exemplary management support and coordination of the North Coast portion of the California Coast National Monument*; Presented by CCNM Manager Rick Hanks at the CCNM Trinidad Gateway meeting in Trinidad, CA, April 12, 2013

- **Jeff Fontana** (BLM Northern California District Public Affairs Officer) - *for more than a decade of exemplary public affairs support for the California Coastal National Monument*; Presented by CCNM Manager Rick Hanks (via phone), Susanville, CA, April 18, 2013



- **Kim Mincer** (BLM Alaska State Office Visual Information Specialist) - *for exemplary graphic support related to the design and development of the California Coastal National Monument Gateway indoor kiosks, posters, and photo exhibit*; Presented by BLM Alaska State Director Bud Cribley at the BLM Alaska employees association event in Anchorage, AK, April 25, 2013
- **Paul Roush** (BLM California State Office Wildlife Biologist-Retired) - *special thanks for his part in the Gualala Point Island-Sea Ranch Monitoring Project and early support of the California Coast National Monument*; Presented by BLM Arcata Field Office Manager Lynda Roush in McKinleyville, CA, April 26, 2013
- **Rachel Sowards-Thompson** (BLM King Range National Conservation Area Interpretive Specialist) - *for development of the Lost Coast Gateway and integrating the management of the California Coastal National Monument in with the King Range National Conservation Area*; Presented by the BLM King Range National Conservation Area (KRNCA) Manager Gary Pritchard-Peterson] at the KRNCA staff meeting in Whitethorn, CA, on May 6, 2013
- **Jim Boucher** (BLM Piedras Blancas Outstanding Natural Area Manager) - *for outreach support for the California Coastal National Monument at Piedras Blancas Light Station Outstanding Natural Area*; Presented by Bakersfield Field Office Associate Manager John Skibinski at the Piedras Blancas Light Station Association meeting in Cambria, CA, May 22, 2013



- **Larry Ames** (BLM Ukiah Field Office Park Ranger-Interpreter) - *for serving as the California Coastal National Monument Webmaster*; Presented by CCNM Manager Rick Hanks at the BLM Ukiah Field Office all-employees meeting in Ukiah, CA, May 15, 2013



- **Rich Burns** (BLM Ukiah Field Office Manager) - *for support and development of the California Coast National Monument and the Gateways Program along the Ukiah Field Office portion of the California Coast*; Presented by CCNM Manager Rick Hanks at the BLM Ukiah Field Office all-employees meeting in Ukiah, CA, May 15, 2013



- **Ron LeValley** (Mad River Biologists Senior Biologist & Owner) - *for more than a decade of exceptional support, commitment and dedication to the promotion of and scientific contribution to the California Coastal National Monument and seabird protection and conservation*; Presented by CCNM Manager Rick Hanks at the CCNM Fort Bragg-Mendocino Gateway meeting in Fort Bragg, CA, May 15, 2013
- **Carole Adams** (BLM Piedras Blancas Outstanding Natural Area lead volunteer) - *for more than a decade of support for the California Coastal National Monument at Piedras Blancas Light Station Outstanding Natural Area*; Presented by, Bakersfield Field Office Associate Manager John Skibinski at the Piedras Blancas Light Station Association meeting in Cambria, CA, May 22, 2013

- Rick Hanks, California Coastal National Monument Manager. (May 2013)