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SDCTA Announces Finalists for Golden Watchdog & Fleece Awards

21st annual awards program recognizes best and worst use of public funds

San Diego County Taxpayers Association (SDCTA) has announced finalists for its 21st Annual Golden Watchdog and Fleece Awards. The awards, which recognize the best and worst in local government efficiency, spending and decision-making, will be announced next Thursday, June 16 at a dinner at the Sheraton San Diego Hotel & Marina.

The government-watchdog organization chose a social media theme to celebrate the 21st anniversary of the popular dinner, which has become famous for its hilarious video skits featuring elected officials and familiar political players.

In addition to awards in the usual categories, a special "You're Almost There" Award will be presented to the California Public Utilities Commission for reopening the case on the San Onofre Nuclear Plant, a step in the right direction on behalf of San Diego ratepayers!

Here are the 2016 finalists:

Golden Watchdog Award Finalists

Metro

City of San Diego Public Utilities Department - Sanitary Sewer Overflow Reduction Program

City of San Diego Fire-Rescue Department - Fast Response Squad (FRS)

City of San Diego Storm Water Division - Watershed Asset Management Plan

Regional

San Diego County Sheriff's Department - Recruiting Program for Women and Veterans

County of San Diego - Justice Electronic Library System (JELS)

San Diego County Regional Airport Authority – Consolidated Rental Car Center

North San Diego Water Reuse Coalition - Regional Recycled Water Program

Golden Fleece Award Finalists

Metro

City of Encinitas - Density Bonus Lawsuits

City of El Cajon – Sewer Billing

Regional

San Ysidro School District – Misuse of Bond Program

San Dieguito Union High School District - Teacher Labor Contract

Poway Unified School District - Too Hard to Choose

San Diego Association of Governments - Taxpayer Funds for Pre-Campaign Efforts

Public-Private Partnership Award Finalists

City of San Diego Fire-Rescue Department and American Medical Response - Resource Access Program (RAP)

San Diego County Water Authority and Poseidon Water - Carlsbad Desalination Project

City of San Diego Office of the City Attorney, Alpha Project and the Urban Corps of San Diego County - San Diego Community Justice Initiative

Media Watchdog Award Finalists

Ashly McGlone | Voice of San Diego - “Several Years and \$1 Billion Later, San Diego Schools Are Actually in Worse Shape”

Lauryn Schroeder | U-T San Diego - “How one firefighter made \$210K in OT”

Special Nomination for Investigations into Public Officials' Accountability

Mario Koran | Voice of San Diego - Series of articles on Marne Foster

Joshua Stewart | U-T San Diego - Series of articles on Supervisor Dave Roberts

Wendy Fry | NBC 7 San Diego - Series of articles on Supervisor Dave Roberts

EVENT DETAILS:

Thursday, June 16

Sheraton San Diego Hotel & Marina

1380 Harbor Island Dr, San Diego, CA 92101

Cocktail reception: 5-7 p.m.

Dinner program: 7-9 p.m.

Register [here!](#)

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The San Diego County Taxpayers Association is a non-profit, non-partisan organization, dedicated to promoting accountable, cost-effective and efficient government and opposing unnecessary taxes and fees. Founded in 1945, SDCTA has spent over six decades saving the region's taxpayers billions of dollars, as well as generating information to help educate the public.