



**San Elijo Lagoon CONSERVANCY**  
*Connecting communities. Protecting nature.*

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**MEDIA ADVISORY**

**WATERSHED CONSERVATION LEADER TO BE HONORED**

Official Proclamations Recognize San Elijo Lagoon Conservancy's Director,  
Doug Gibson, for 20-Year Milestone in Nature Preservation

Cardiff-by-the-Sea — It's a surprise. Doug Gibson, Executive Director and Principal Scientist at San Elijo Lagoon Conservancy, is unaware he'll be honored for his 20-year dedication to watershed conservation and education. On Monday, May 2, two city mayors in North County and the county supervisor will present official proclamations for Doug Gibson Conservation Leadership Day.

**WHAT: *Surprise 20 Years Celebration: Doug Gibson Conservation Leadership Day***

**WHO:** Proclamations delivered by:

- County Supervisor District III Dave Roberts
- City of Encinitas Mayor Kristin Gaspar
- City of Solana Beach Mayor David Zito

Presented by: San Elijo Lagoon Conservancy Board of Directors

Sponsored by: The Grauer School and Stillinger Family

Invited guests include representatives of the aforementioned cities, founding members, and supporters of San Elijo Lagoon.

**WHEN:** Monday, May 2, 2016 from 4:30-7:30 pm

**Proclamations begin at 4:45 pm**

**WHERE:** Tower 13 in Cardiff-by-the-Sea (2633 S. Coast Highway 101)

Doug Gibson exemplifies excellence in connecting communities and protecting nature, now and for all generations. While it's true San Elijo Lagoon Ecological Reserve is protected, conserving its resources for wildlife and people is an ongoing mission. Gibson's leadership in annual lagoon mouth maintenance contributes to positive coastal water quality scores. Hundreds of acres of native habitat have been restored. More than 700 species of plants and animals thrive in the 979-acre reserve, as do visitors of all ages when exploring its trails.

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*The mission of **San Elijo Lagoon Conservancy**, a nonprofit land trust, is to protect and restore the resources of San Elijo Lagoon Ecological Reserve, its watershed, and related ecosystems for the benefit of current and future generations.*