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## San Elijo Lagoon CONSERVANCY

*Connecting communities. Protecting nature.*

### **San Elijo Lagoon Conservancy Selected as 2018 Leading Organization in the Encinitas Environmental Award Program Exemplary Leadership Recognized at the Annual Surfing Madonna Beach Run October 7**

ENCINITAS — The fourth annual Encinitas Environmental Award Program recognizes local organizations that exhibit exemplary leadership in preserving and enhancing the environment in Encinitas.

At the Surfing Madonna Beach Run on Sunday, October 7, Encinitas Mayor Catherine Blakespear presented the nonprofit environmentally-themed award to Doug Gibson, Executive Director and Principal Scientist of San Elijo Lagoon Conservancy.

“It has been an exciting year for the Conservancy,” said Doug Gibson. “We are honored to receive this award highlighting our decades of work, including securing new lands, providing education and experiences for all, and reviving our wetlands and beaches.”

The Encinitas Environmental Award Program is sponsored by the City of Encinitas Environmental Commission. Two categories of awards are offered: one in the nonprofit category, and one in the for-profit business category. Five independent judges carefully reviewed the submitted nominations to choose the winners in each category.

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San Elijo Lagoon Conservancy is the Southern California nonprofit land trust for the 1000-acre San Elijo Lagoon Ecological Reserve. **Its mission** is to protect and restore the resources of the lagoon, its watershed, and related ecosystems for the benefit of current and future generations. **Its vision** is a world where biodiversity is protected, and people act to conserve nature and embrace it as central to a healthy community.

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