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Trustee Awarded Environmental Achievement of the Year

Land Conservancy Board Trustee, **Herb Kandel**, is the honored recipient of the San Luis Obispo County Environmental Award for the *2008 Environmental Achievement of the Year*.

The Land Conservancy and County Supervisor **Katcho Achadjian** jointly nominated Herb for his outstanding work in pulling together the Dana Adobe Cultural Landscape conservation project.

Herb's leadership and tireless work ensured the permanent preservation of 129 acres surrounding the Dana Adobe in Nipomo. As a result of his efforts, Dana Adobe Historic Park is the first adobe in the county to have a substantial amount of its surrounding landscape preserved as well as the structure itself.

Not only was a substantial amount of land set aside forever, Dana Adobe Historic Park is also the site of a large-scale restoration effort by the Land Conservancy. Generations will come to know this place and its fascinating history because Herb had the passion, initiative, and perseverance to make it happen.

The great triumph of this project is that Herb was able to enlist so many diverse people—elected officials, private financiers, granting agencies, and the community—to focus on a clear goal. The story he wove captivated the imaginations of so many, he couldn't fail. Herb joins a list of dedicated Land Conservancy Board Trustees that have been honored by this award in the past, and is more than deserving of this tribute.



“As I see it, the Land Conservancy is the gold standard of excellence, the place that takes idealism to work, crosses social boundaries and gets results. Each of the project successes and individual recognitions that come to any of our Land Conservancy team (and we have had many) are also a Land Conservancy team product and thus, a Land Conservancy team honor.” - Herb Kandel, Board Trustee & Environment Achievement of the Year Recipient

Herb is one of three local environmental activists to win a 2008 county environmental award. Others winners include: Pete Sarafian, Small Wilderness Area Preservation Conservation Chairman [*Sustained Environmental Contribution*] and Shelby Bohl, Pier Watch founder [*Environmental Initiative award*]. The annual environmental awards are administered by the San Luis Obispo County Community Foundation through an endowment by Lou and Ann Robinson of San Luis Obispo. The prizes will be awarded at a ceremony May 27 and each winner will receive \$2,000.

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The Land Conservancy of San Luis Obispo County is a local nonprofit land trust working to protect and restore special landscapes for the benefit of people and wildlife. The land trust's efforts help protect drinking water sources, prevent poorly planned development, restore wildlife habitat and promote family farmlands and ranches in our region. Since its formation in 1984, The Land Conservancy has led collaborative efforts to permanently protect over 10,500 acres of land in San Luis Obispo County . For more information visit www.LCSLO.org or call (805) 544-9096.



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