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San Diego River Park Foundation Chosen to be Honored at Second Annual California Nonprofits Day Celebration

Awards, state leaders honor "Nonprofits of the Year" at State Capitol event today

San Diego, CA – (June 28, 2017) – On June 28th, The San Diego River Park Foundation was honored as a Nonprofit of the Year at a celebration of California Nonprofits Day at the State Capitol in Sacramento.

The San Diego River Park Foundation was selected by Assemblymember Todd Gloria as an exceptional nonprofit organization in the 78th Assembly District community. The San Diego River Park Foundation joined nearly one hundred other nonprofit leaders from across the state being honored at the annual California Nonprofits Day event, formally recognized by Assembly Concurrent Resolution 54, authored by the chair of the new Assembly Select Committee on the Nonprofit Sector Assemblywoman Monique Limon (D-Santa Barbara).

Said Rob Hutsel, President and CEO of The San Diego River Park Foundation: "I was tremendously honored to represent The San Diego River Park Foundation at the Capitol to receive this award from Assemblymember Gloria. The award is a reflection of the incredible efforts of thousands of San Diegans working to create a better future for our region's river. We are grateful to Assemblymember Gloria for bringing attention to the efforts of our volunteers, staff and donors."

The award recipients were also honored at a luncheon at Sacramento's Convention Center, with welcomes from Assembly Speaker Anthony Rendon, Assemblymember Limon, and Jan Masaoka, CEO of the California Association of Nonprofits (CalNonprofits).

"Nonprofit organizations are vitally important to the economy and well-being of California. But too often nonprofits are 'hidden in plain sight.' We are thrilled that the State Assembly has passed a resolution for the second year in a row that puts the spotlight on nonprofits as an economic power that uses that power for the common good. We congratulate all of the award recipients on being honored for the great work they do every day to make California a better place," said Jan Masaoka, CEO of California Association of Nonprofits (CalNonprofits), a statewide alliance of over 10,000 organizations, representing and promoting California's growing nonprofit sector and working to bring the full power of nonprofits to strengthening communities.

To learn more about the work of The San Diego River Park Foundation or to get involved with these award-winning programs, visit www.SanDiegoRiver.org.

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About The San Diego River Park Foundation

The San Diego River Park Foundation's mission is to engage people to work toward a better future for the historic San Diego River and the creation of a 52-mile river parkway from the mountains to the ocean. The River Park Foundation is a non-profit community-based organization founded in 2001. Visit www.sandiegoriver.org for more information.