

2023 The Mark Raymond Harrington Award for Conservation Archaeology  
Beverly Ortiz,

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The Mark Harrington Award is presented to individuals, firms, or agencies exhibiting a special and ongoing relationship with the conservation of archaeological resources. That relationship might be directly related to excavation, for example, or it might be related to how we think about and preserve important places. This year's awardee, Dr. Beverly Ortiz, is so-honored because of her more than 40-year commitment to cultural preservation, especially during her long association as a naturalist with East Bay Regional Park District.

Bev recently retired from four decades at the Park District where she was committed to integrating all cultural values into the planning and implementation of park projects and building a stewardship mindset within the District. Perhaps most importantly, she established best practices for tribal consultation before AB 52 required it because she knew it was the right thing to do. That working relationship has paid forward with tomorrow's tour of Coyote Hills Regional Park and the inclusion of tribal members to explain their perspective on why the resources there are so important.

For nearly 35 years she has been a contributor of photographs and articles to *News from Native California*. She assisted Yosemite National Park in providing ethnographic content, has facilitated California Indian Basketweavers programs, has been an instructor at several Bay Area colleges and associations, and has otherwise emphasized the importance of integrating and valuing the viewpoint of California's first people in project planning. Bev has numerous contributions to the discipline which include presentations at the California Indian Conference and SCA specifically, working to establish central California data in national-level publications, providing film, book, and contributed-article information. Recently she and others, including our own Gregg Castro, established the Native California Research Institute to preserve heritage collections, promote the California Indian Conference, conduct cultural preservation and awareness, and to preserve heritage sites.

Please join me in congratulating Bev as we welcome her to the podium to accept this award.