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ANN HARRIS WINS NATIONAL SIERRA CLUB AWARD

SAN FRANCISCO, CA – Rockwood resident Ann Harris is among those being honored with national awards from the Sierra Club this year.

Harris is receiving the **Special Service Award**, which recognizes strong and consistent commitment to conservation of the Club over an extended period of time.

Harris has supported and worked to increase awareness of how nuclear issues can affect our lives regardless of where we live. The Sierra Club Radiation Committee (RadCom) is one of the newest issue committees in the Club. Harris helped to recruit the top nuclear activists across America.

Harris joined the Club at a time when the Sierra Club had neither a focus on nuclear issues, nor activity that provided an awareness of the effects of nuclear issues in the United States, or how the country is affected by international actions on those same nuclear issues. Her expertise in dealing with state, regional, and national nuclear issues generated a quick appointment to the Environmental Quality Strategy Team and then as leader of the Radiation Committee. As her Sierra Club volunteer work gained momentum, a regional meeting of Club members around the nuclear issue convened, for the first time since the 1970s. Another is set for this fall.

The legendary accomplishments of Harris, in particular her several successful actions against TVA have been well documented. Following the first of these actions against the federal agency, she became known as the most successful whistleblower in America while staying on the payroll.

Sierra Club Radiation Committee Vice Chair Rochelle Becker wrote, “Ann has been a mentor and an inspiration to so many who have spent decades working on nuclear issues inside and outside the Sierra Club.”

The award will be presented Sept. 20 during the Sierra Club’s Annual Dinner in San Francisco. For more information on the Sierra Club awards program, visit [www. sierraclub.org/awards](http://www.sierraclub.org/awards).

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