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SUSAN HEITMAN RECEIVES 2009 SIERRA CLUB SPECIAL SERVICE AWARD

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif. – Susan Heitman of Los Angeles, Calif., has won the Sierra Club 2009 Special Service Award. She will be honored Sept. 26 in San Francisco at the Sierra Club Honors and Awards Banquet.

Heitman has been active in the Sierra Club at the national level for 14 years. She has served on the Outdoor Activities Governance Committee and Board of Directors Nominating Committee as a member and chair, the Election Reform Task Force as its chair, and the Communication and Education Governance Committee as a member and co-chair. In addition, she has served on the Organizational Change Steering Committee, the Business Partnerships Task Force, and currently on the Visibility and Outreach Advisory Committee.

“Susan’s leadership is a major asset for the Sierra Club,” said Sanjay Ranchod, a member of the Club’s Board of Directors who nominated Heitman for the award. “She does her work for the Club gracefully and conscientiously, follows through while motivating others around her to do more, and does all this with a smile but without ever seeking the spotlight or public recognition. She has served on entities that have enabled the Board to make critical decisions over the past few years, including election reform, adoption of Project Renewal, and establishing a new business partnership policy.”

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