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PUBLIC SERVANTS RECEIVE HONORS AT PUBLIC SERVICE RECOGNITION WEEK AWARDS CEREMONY

Sacramento, California – The Sacramento American Society for Public Administration presented seven awards to outstanding public servants, educators and non-profit leaders whose remarkable work is making life better for all Americans – at a *Public Service Recognition Week (PSRW)* awards ceremony held in their honor, May 06, 2015.

The 2015 Grantland Johnson Intergovernmental Cooperation Award was made to **Phil Isenberg** for his 40-year career emphasizing leadership and spanning local, regional, and state government. The award, named for public official and former Sacramento County Supervisor Grantland Johnson, is given to an individual or organization that develops and/or delivers programs and policies between different levels of government resulting in greater alignment and effectiveness. Isenberg is Vice Chair of the Delta Stewardship Council, created by the CA Legislature to protect and enhance the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. His long list of accomplishments include service as an elected official in state and local government and chairing of the California Marine Life Protection Act Blue Ribbon Task Force.

Additional awards were presented to six outstanding individuals, including Public Administrator of the Year, Mac Taylor, Legislative Analyst, who boast achievements in public health, water resources, finance, public administration, and collaborative policy, as well as work in improving outcomes for the homeless.

Each year the President and Congress designate the first full week of May (May 3-9, 2015) as *PSRW* and activities are held nationwide in celebration of public employees who put service above self. ASPA Sacramento has honored local individuals, organizations, and programs from the Sacramento Valley (the counties of Sacramento, Yolo, Placer, El Dorado, San Joaquin, Stutter, and Yuba) for excellence in public administration, public service, and academia, since 1982. Award recipients have served in every level of government: federal, state, regional, and local and academic winners hail from most of the region's major universities.

John Shirey, Sacramento City Manager and ASPA's 2014 National Public Servant of the Year, opened the ceremony by noting the importance of taking time to celebrate public service.

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The full roster of this year's honorees follows:

- **Mac Taylor**, *Legislative Analyst, State of California*, Elizabeth Hill Public Administrator of the Year – Presented to a non-elected professional administrator for consistently demonstrating excellence in public management over a sustained period of time.
- **Michael Hughes**, *Chief of Staff, Institute for Population Health Improvement (Retired), UC Davis School of Medicine*, Ross Clayton Lifetime Distinguished Public Service - Presented to for especially meritorious service to the field of public administration over the course of a lifetime.
- **Phillip Isenberg**, *Multiple positions Across Local, Regional and State Government*, Grantland Johnson Intergovernmental Cooperation - Presented for developing and delivering programs and policies between different levels of government resulting in greater alignment and effectiveness.
- **Susan Sherry**, Executive Director, *Center for Collaborative Policy, Sacramento State University*, Government Innovation - Presented for ground breaking innovation in collaborative policy resulting in significant improvement in public service delivery and performance.
- **Charles W. Gossett**, *Sacramento State University*, Chester A. Newland Academic Excellence - Presented for demonstrated scholarship and leadership in public administration that has made a noteworthy contribution to the education of public administrators.
- **Maya Wallace**, *Sacramento Steps Forward*, Rising Star - Presented to a young professional, for significant contributions to good government in the Sacramento region.
- **William Jahmal Miller**, *Deputy Director, Office of Health Equity, California Department of Public Health*, Community Service - Presented for sustained leadership in addressing public policy issues or improving life in the Sacramento region.

The winners were nominated by colleagues familiar with their work and selected by an awards committee that includes representatives of the public, private and academic sectors. The winner slate is then confirmed by the Sacramento ASPA Board.

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