

Frank R. Beeler Watershed Stewardship Award

The Mokelumne River is a valuable resource that supports the economic, environmental, and aesthetic welfare of California. This award recognizes that conservation, protection and wise stewardship are vital to the maintenance of this irreplaceable resource.

Mr. Frank Robert Beeler (1953-2009), a water and wastewater superintendent for the City of Lodi, was an active participant and advocate for the Lower Mokelumne River Watershed Stewardship Plan and the Lower Mokelumne River Watershed Stewardship Steering Committee. Mr. Beeler was a leader in the City's stormwater program and tirelessly supported volunteer watershed stewardship activities such as the City's "Storm Drain Detectives" (a group of teachers, students, and community members, in partnership with the City of Lodi, Public Works Department, that monitor the Mokelumne River monthly at several different sites where stormwater enters the river. Using water quality tests, visual assessments, and toxicity tests, the Storm Drain Detectives collect and record data to analyze the effects that storm drain run off has on the river.) Mr. Beeler was also a world-class powerlifter having won many national and international medals. Mr. Beeler's death from cancer, only nine weeks after diagnosis, in April 2009 was a great loss to the community.



This watershed stewardship award is sponsored by:

The Lower Mokelumne River Partnership: A partnership between the California Department of Fish and Game, East Bay Municipal Utility District, and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service focused on protecting the Lower Mokelumne River ecosystem and anadromous fishery.

The Lower Mokelumne River Stewardship Steering Committee: Community-based group that provides oversight for the implementation of the Lower Mokelumne River Watershed Stewardship Plan.

Purpose of the Award:

To acknowledge individuals within the Lower Mokelumne River watershed that have shown outstanding leadership, responsibility, or activism in:

- The promotion of sound and innovative natural resource stewardship practices that help sustain the environment and enhance productivity and profitability in this watershed.
- Protecting, maintaining, restoring or improving watershed resources, including: water quality and conservation, fisheries and wildlife and their habitats and ecosystem function.
- Assisting individuals, groups and agencies to undertake voluntary, stewardship-based activities which conserve and improve the watershed's resources.
- Promoting educational opportunities within and pertaining to the watershed, targeting elementary school children, high school students, local college students, watershed residents, farmers, stakeholders and visitors of all age groups and others who might benefit from watershed-based educational programs.
- Promoting responsible and sustainable recreational use of the watershed.

- Supporting the overall goals and spirit of the Lower Mokelumne River Watershed Stewardship Plan and Lower Mokelumne River Partnership.

Lower Mokelumne River Watershed

The Lower Mokelumne River Watershed (LMR) stretches from the base of Camanche Dam to the confluence of the Cosumnes and Mokelumne Rivers.



Deadline for Submitting Nominations

Individual nominations will be submitted to the three representatives of the Lower Mokelumne River Partnership and three representatives of the Lower Mokelumne River Watershed Stewardship Steering Committee for review. Acceptance of nominations will close at: 3:00pm Pacific time Thursday April 8, 2010.

Nomination Form: Frank R. Beeler Watershed Stewardship Award

Name of Individual, Business or Organization Nominee _____
 Address _____
 City, State, Zip _____
 Phone _____ Fax _____ Email _____

Please provide a brief description of the reasons for the nomination, including goals of nominee’s program(s), success of the program(s) or activity(ies) and what was done to meet them..

Please limit your description to 3 pages or less. Securely attach pages to this nomination form when submitting.

Name of Person Submitting Nomination: _____
 Address _____
 City, State, Zip _____
 Phone _____ Fax _____ Email _____

Please return this nomination form to: Frank R. Beeler Watershed Stewardship Award Nominations Attention: Rick Leong c/o Natural Resources Department of East Bay Municipal Utility District 375 11th Street M.S. 902, Oakland, California 94607 Or by fax: 520-287-0541. Or send via email: rleong@ebmud.com.