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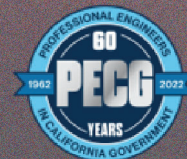
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RISA BARON



achieved success in public affairs, community relations, and focused on strategic planning and project management over her 25 years of experience. She excels in forging partnerships and building relationships. She is past President of the SDSU Alumni Association, I Love a Clean San Diego, and currently serves on the executive committee of the South County Economic Development Corporation and Living Coast Discovery Center. She is active in the Chula Vista Chamber of Commerce, and attributes much of her success serving on boards to her time forming the San Diego WTS chapter years ago.

LINDA CULP

built a career in transportation spanning more than 30 years before retiring from SANDAG in 2021. During this time, she led teams whose focus was on advancing transportation in the San Diego region. Through her involvement in WTS she served as chapter president, member of the international scholarship board, and international conference co-chair. Linda now spends her time hiking, riding her bike, traveling, and volunteering.



CHILI CILCH



took a circuitous route, from art school to Caltrans. It started when her friend asked her to help with launching San Diego's first Bike to Work week in 1987. Soon after she took a job with Commuter Computer promoting ridesharing and spent most of her career managing Caltrans District's 11 Value Analysis (VA) Program. She plans to get back to full-time retirement in 2024 to pursue her interests in writing, painting, finding fosters for rescue dogs, and traveling the globe.

Awards

MEMBER OF THE YEAR

SHANNON GONZALES, KLEINFELDER

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INNOVATIVE TRANSPORTATION SOLUTIONS

SR-67 PAVEMENT REHABILITATION
CALTRANS

ALTERNATIVE MODES & ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION

BAYSHORE BIKEWAY —
BARRIO LOGAN SEGMENT
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TECHNOLOGY FOR TRANSPORTATION

I-805/SR-94 BUS ON SHOULDER
DEMONSTRATION PROJECT
SANDAG, CALTRANS & SAN DIEGO MTS

PURSUIT OF EXCELLENCE

MELISSA GOMEZ, WOOD RODGERS

WOMAN OF THE YEAR

LAURA MELLIZO, CALTRANS

JURY PANELISTS

Scholarship

Agnes Weber
Gannett Fleming

Karen Jewel
Caltrans

Bruce Urquhart
SDSU | Retired

Eileen Maher
Port of San Diego

Awards

Patricia McColl
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Teri Fenner
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Kathleen Garcia
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