

STOPWASTE

Honoring 2025 Environmental Leadership Awardees

Timothy Burroughs, Executive Director

June 12, 2025







WINNER

Alameda Backyard Growers, Inc.
Alameda, CA

Excellence in Community Engagement

Alameda Backyard
Growers, Inc.

Alameda, CA

Achievements

- Gleaned and donated 79,000 of backyard fruit since 2011.
- Teach skills, build community, and empower local gardeners with:
 - Over 150 classes, events, and workshops held to date
 - A monthly newsletter and social media reaching 2,000+ community members
- Maintain a network of 50+ active volunteers and supporters.



CHAMPIONS

Alameda Backyard Growers Board of Directors

Holly Johnson, Marcus Carini, Shayla Duda, Dena Andersen, Amy Kalkstein, Sarah Miller, Marla Koss, Jillian Saxty, Claude Bartholomew, Alison Limoges, Ron Limoges, Liz Warmerdam

CONGRATULATIONS!

**ALAMEDA
BACKYARD
GROWERS**

**Excellence in
Community
Engagement**



WINNER

CASA (Community Action for a Sustainable Alameda)
in partnership with OKAPI Reusables

Excellence in Reusable Foodware Partnership

CASA
in partnership with
OKAPI Reusables

Alameda, CA

Achievements

- Engaging the community in meaningful dialog about reusable foodware solutions.
- Created "Story of the Cup," a youth-produced advocacy film.
- Recruited 12 Alameda cafes to offer OKAPI Reusables and 500+ new program members.
- Preventing 5,500 single-use cups from ending up in our waste stream annually.



CHAMPIONS

Ruth Abbe
CASA, Board Member

Emily Chueh
OKAPI Reusables, Co-Founder

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Excellence in Reusable Foodware Partnership

CASA

Community Action for a Sustainable Alameda

OKAPI

reusables



WINNER

Washington Health
Fremont, CA

Excellence in Waste Prevention & Food Donation

Washington Health

Fremont, CA

Achievements

- Recovered over 13,000 pounds of surplus edible food since August 2023.
- Reduced patient plate waste by more than half.
- Strengthens internal systems and builds effective partnerships to serve staff and the community.



CHAMPIONS

Matthew Sciamanna
Director of Food & Nutrition Services

CONGRATULATIONS!



**Washington
Health**

**Excellence in Waste
Prevention and
Food Donation**



WINNER

Veev by Lennar
Hayward, CA

Excellence in Construction Innovation

Veev by Lennar

Hayward, CA

Achievements

- Reducing waste and environmental footprint by 90% through use of high-tech materials, innovative design, and off-site production of building components.
- Streamlining construction timeline, on-site home assembly takes only 60 days.
- Advanced manufacturing facility bringing diverse, skilled workforce development to Alameda County.



CHAMPION

Anthony Carroll
CEO

CONGRATULATIONS!

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by **LENNAR**

**Excellence in
Construction
Innovation**



WINNER

Wingen Bakery & Restaurant

Livermore, CA

Excellence in Sustainability at Work

Wingen Bakery & Restaurant

Livermore, CA

Achievements

- Integrating waste prevention and sustainability as part of company culture.
- Commitment to proper sorting resulting in clean organics and recycling.
- Demonstrating leadership by partnering with city, waste hauler, and other fellow businesses on sustainability initiatives.



CHAMPIONS

Bryan Wingen
Owner

Aimee Wingen
Chef/Owner

CONGRATULATIONS!

**WINGEN
BAKERY**

LMO | CA

**Excellence in
Sustainability at Work**

In Loving Memory



Dr. Boomer's legacy lives on through the lives he touched, the students he inspired, and the systems he helped transform.



WINNER

Oakland Unified School District
Oakland, CA

Excellence in Sustainability at School

Oakland Unified
School District

Oakland, CA

Achievements

- First to pioneer food waste prevention and food share tables in schools with all 70 OUSD cafeterias participating today.
- Engages and empowers students, staff, and the school community in waste prevention and sustainability initiatives.
- Leads and supports others by creating resources and consistently sharing best practices through collaboration.



CHAMPIONS

Nancy Deming

Sustainability Manager, Custodial and Nutrition Services

CONGRATULATIONS!



OAKLAND UNIFIED
SCHOOL DISTRICT

Community Schools, Thriving Students

**Excellence in
Sustainability at
School**

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**Congrats to our 2025
awardees!**

