

**STATE PARKS RANGER CHUCK BANCROFT HONORED
AT CALIFORNIA ON LOCATION AWARDS CEREMONY OCT. 19, 2008**

California State Parks Ranger Chuck Bancroft, who is based at Point Lobos State Reserve, was honored as a top finalist in the state public employee category at Sunday's 14th annual California On Location Awards. The awards are presented to public employees who go out of their way to make filming run smoothly on-location. The winner was Al Adams, with the Office of the State Fire Marshal.

The COLAs presentation was organized by the 55 film commissions in the state, who participate as Film Liaisons in California, Statewide. The event was held at the Ritz Carlton Marina del Rey on Oct. 19. Three-time Emmy-nominated actor Fred Willard presided as master of ceremonies for the event, which recognizes the hard work, drive and dedication of the night's honored film production companies, location professionals, and public officials.

Karen Nordstrand, director of marketing and film production at the Monterey County Film Commission, served on the event's marketing committee and represented the county at the event. She nominated local Ranger Bancroft for his award in recognition of his more than 27 years of service working with film productions at Pt. Lobos State Reserve and Carmel River State Beach.

There was a tie for the category top feature film location professionals between Gregory Alpert for the film "Frost/Nixon" and Doug Dresser for "Fired Up."

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Photo: State Parks Ranger Chuck Bancroft (left) with actor Fred Willard holding the COLA award for Bancroft, who was a top finalist in the state public employee category.

The Monterey County Film Commission is a nonprofit organization proactively marketing Monterey County as a destination for the motion picture, television and related industries, for the purpose of stimulating economic development, creating jobs, providing and supporting educational opportunities in those areas. It was established in 1987 by the Monterey County Board of Supervisors.