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STATE PARKS RANGER CHUCK BANCROFT
NAMED “CALIFORNIA ON LOCATION AWARD” FINALIST

California State Parks Ranger Chuck Bancroft, who is based at Point Lobos State Reserve, has been named one of three finalists in the State Public Employee category of the California On Location Awards (COLAS). The COLAS are sponsored by the Film Liaisons in California Statewide, a group representing more than 50 California film commissions, including the Monterey County Film Commission, that work cooperatively to attract, retain and facilitate film production throughout the state.

The COLAS awards ceremony salutes the professional excellence of location scouts, production companies, and public employees who are involved with statewide on-location filming. The event honors those who work well with film commissioners and local communities to keep the positive economic impact of film production coming throughout California. A panel of entertainment industry professionals select the winners, who will be announced at the 14th annual COLAS event on Oct. 19 in Marina Del Rey.

“I know that filming helps support workers and businesses in California, keeping the economy strong,” Bancroft said. “I try to find a good fit with filming in state parks properties here, and at the same time work to protect the resources acting as a steward for the people of California.”

Among the numerous productions he has assisted over his 27-year career with State Parks are the recent Dr. Wayne Dyer feature film, an independent feature “McTaggart’s Fortune,” L.L. Bean catalog shoots, international videos for Japanese TV and the BBC, and a project featuring TV wildlife expert Jeff Corwin.

Karen Nordstrand, the Monterey County Film Commission’s director of marketing and film production, nominated Bancroft in recognition of his years of assistance to the local film commission as well as film productions filming at Point Lobos State Reserve and nearby Carmel River State Beach.

“To be selected as a statewide finalist shows that Ranger Chuck Bancroft has made a difference in keeping more film business in Monterey County and in the state,” Nordstrand said. “He combines enthusiasm with professionalism when film companies look at our county’s state parks for their productions, and he is a valuable resource in a sensitive state parks region,” said Nordstrand.

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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 by the Monterey County Board of Supervisors in 1987.