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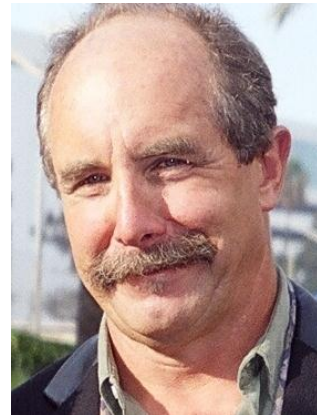
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“Big Sur” film location manager Peter Newfield and team win top California On Location Award

Peter Newfield, a location manager from Soquel, was named winner of a prestigious California On Location Award (COLA) at the 17th Annual COLA event held Oct. 16 at the Millennium Biltmore Hotel in Los Angeles. The prized trophy was given in the category of Location Team of the Year, Independent Feature Film, for “Big Sur,” a film based on Jack Kerouac’s book that was shot at Big Sur locations this spring. The California On Location Awards event is the premier awards ceremony honoring film location professionals for excellence while filming within the state of California.

The Monterey County Film Commission nominated Newfield, who managed the Big Sur area film locations, along with the film’s San Francisco Bay Area-based team members, Gail Stempler, Peter Moody, and Daniel Lee who coordinated the San Francisco locations. It’s the first time a Northern



California film location team won in this category, and the recognition came before a crowd of 500 film industry professionals in the hotel’s ballroom.

“Hard-working location managers like Peter Newfield and this team are most deserving of this recognition,” said Karen Nordstrand, director of marketing and film production for the Monterey County Film Commission.

“They are the people who work well with our film office and local residents and jurisdictions, and can make such a difference in the decisions on where film projects end up going. We want them to continue to help bring productions to Monterey County year-round for the economic boost it brings to our communities.”

The filming of “Big Sur” in Monterey County brought weeks of economic benefit to the local economy with hotels being filled, local crew being hired, and increased income for retailers, grocery stores, and restaurants. Both private and public properties in the Big Sur

area, including Rocky Creek Bridge, were used as locations. The film is expected to be released next year.

The COLA event is a project of Film Liaisons in California Statewide, a network of film commissioners and others seeking to promote and facilitate filming in the state.



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For more information see the COLA website, www.californiaonlocationawards.com. For more on the Monterey County Film Commission, www.FilmMonterey.org.

The MCFC is a nonprofit organization, created by the Monterey County Board of Supervisors in 1987, to boost the local economy through film production on-location.