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LOCAL CLIMATE REALITY LEADER RECEIVES “WOMAN OF THE YEAR” AWARD

**CA State Senator Henry Stern honors Diana Weynand,
Climate Reality Project: San Fernando Valley Chapter Founder and Chair,
With District 27 “Woman of the Year” Award**

Oak Park, CA, June 28, 2024 – [Senator Henry Stern](#) (D – District 27) honored nineteen women leaders with a “Woman of the Year” award at a brunch held in the Oak Park Community Center and Gardens. Among the recipients was Diana Weynand, Founder and Chair of The Climate Reality Project’s San Fernando Valley Chapter. The diverse group of women being honored have contributed in multiple ways across the District 27 community. Weynand received the “Woman of the Year” award for leading positive change on climate issues and building an organization through which San Fernando Valley citizens can become active climate advocates.

Sen. Stern expressed appreciation for Diana using her skills at networking and empowering others to lead a coalition of 80 climate and community organizations in being pro-active to advocate for nature-based solutions in the Sepulveda Basin restoration project. Says Stern, “Diana has been pushing the Sepulveda Basin Vision Plan every day. She’s a force of nature!” Stern touted the benefits of transforming the Sepulveda Basin into an emerald gem for everyone. “If you’re a kid growing up in Reseda, why can’t you experience the wake-up call of a great heron flying over your head when you’re walking down Burbank Boulevard?” He added, “If you want to get involved, and you’re in the San Fernando Valley, Diana’s chapter is the place to go.”





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Diana initiated the San Fernando Valley Chapter in 2018 with a small group of nine Climate Reality leaders, which has now grown to almost 1,500. She says, “While there may be a front-facing, vision-holding leader of an organization, it’s really the team that raises it and makes it remarkable, that makes its contributions observable and impactful. While I think about and reflect on the work we do with nature, I like to think we aren’t just fighting *for* it. We’re standing *with* nature, because she truly is part of our family. We welcome all to stand with us.”

Prior to her climate work, Diana earned an Emmy nomination as a producer and director for a PBS series and has authored over 20 books.

[The Climate Reality Project](#) is an action-focused group of volunteers founded in 2011 by Former Vice President Al Gore. Their mission is to catalyze a global solution to the climate crisis by making urgent action a necessity across every sector of society.

The [San Fernando Valley Chapter](#) of The Climate Reality Project offers special programs via Zoom on the second Tuesday of each month, from 7pm to 8:30pm. Everyone is welcome to attend, whether or not you live in the SF Valley. You can register for the meeting at: [bit.ly/SFVCR](https://www.sfvclimatereality.org/). For more information about the chapter, visit their website at: <https://www.sfvclimatereality.org/>

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