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### Orinda honors its stellar environmental and volunteer residents

**By Nick Marnell** 



Cindy Powell and Candace Andersen, left, and Catharine Baker and Amy Worth, right, flank volunteers of the Fix Orinda Roads committee. Photo Nick Marnell

presented environmental and emy Awards. volunteer awards sponsored by the

Brian Waters, a volunteer with Orinda Association at a ceremony the Friends of Orinda Creeks, held at the Orinda Country Club won the William Penn Mott, Jr. Feb. 26. When the officials hand- Environmental Award for the resed out the awards, not a one was toration of rainbow trout to San challenge today. handed out to an incorrect winner Pablo Creek. said. "It takes a vil-

the creeks in our community."

Orinda Vice Mayor Amy Worth lauded Waters' restoration of a natural habitat, which she said posed an exceptionally difficult

— a coincidence since the event lage," he said. "So many people Andersen praised the city for its

everal Orinda residents were was held on the night of the Acad- have helped raise awareness of focus on environmental issues. "They are not always recognized similar progress and success," in our communities and they are said Assemblywoman Catharine so important to our quality of life," she said.

> The Volunteer of the Year Award went to the Fix Orinda County Supervisor Candace Roads grassroots organization. Residents joined together after you say yes," she said.

the failure of two ballot measures and worked toward the passage of two new bond measures allocating \$45 million to fix the city roads. Spokesman Mark Roberts credited the group. which included Brad Barber of the Moraga-Orinda Fire District and former Mayor Sue Severson.

"All of us are volunteers," he said. "We are proof that Orindans can pull together to accept the challenges that face our city and find creative and constructive ways to overcome them."

Andersen said she was all for handling situations like these locally. "I'm not one to waste people's taxes, but I have the greatest respect for the people of Orinda who are willing to tax themselves to ensure they have safe roads,"

"I'd love to see the state have

Worth closed out the ceremony by high-fiving city residents who she said come through in every time of need. "When you're asked,

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