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**Photos of Half Moon Bay Library** courtesy of Anthony Lindsey Photography (higher res available)

## **Sustainable San Mateo County Announces 2019 Award Recipients**

**Sustainable San Mateo County (SSMC)** will honor TransForm, the Citizens Environmental Council of Burlingame, Lime, long-time SSMC volunteer Bill Schulte and the Half Moon Bay Library at its **20th Annual Awards Dinner on Thursday, April 4**, for their contributions to sustainability in San Mateo County.

**California State Senator Jerry Hill** will emcee the evening program, which will begin on April 4 at 5:30 p.m. in the Bayview Dining Room at the College of San Mateo, 1700 W. Hillsdale Blvd., San Mateo. The evening will feature a networking hour, silent auction, three-course dinner and professional videos of each awardee produced by The Riekes Center.

The annual SSMC awards are designed to raise awareness of sustainability in the community and inspire others to take action. Tickets are available at [www.sustainablesanmateo.org/awards](http://www.sustainablesanmateo.org/awards), with **early bird pricing through February 28**.

“Our Sustainability Awards program amplifies the voices of progressive, local leaders. Collectively, their stories and successes show our community how to boldly embrace sustainability tenets and best practices for a prosperous future,” said Christine Kohl-Zaugg, executive director of SSMC.

**Sustainability Awards** will be awarded to these four recipients:

- **TransForm**, a nonprofit that has been promoting walkable communities throughout California with sustainable transportation choices for people of all incomes since 1997. TransForm engages communities in planning and supporting innovative programs and winning policy change at the local, regional and state levels. In 2018 Chris Lepe, TransForm’s Regional Policy Director, played a major role in the development and passage of San Mateo County’s Measure W. The measure will generate \$80 million a year for 30 years to fund local transit, regional connections and infrastructure for bicyclists, pedestrians, streets and highways.
- **Citizens Environmental Council of Burlingame (CEC)**, a regional, volunteer-led catalyst for sustainability through its well-attended “Green Programs on Hot Topics,” its student scholarships and high school internships aimed at supporting the next generation of sustainability leaders, its annual Environmental Film Fest for students throughout San Mateo County, and strong advocacy for new environmental policies. Founded in 2009, CEC provided professional advocacy training for 100 individuals in the county in 2017. The nonprofit regularly partners with other nonprofits that help deliver surplus food to those in need, supports Bayfront cleanups and helps staff Repair Cafes.
- **Lime**, founded in January 2017 in San Mateo, which has become an international leader in sustainable transportation. Lime (formerly LimeBike) has provided more than 26 million rides to people around the world on electric scooters, electric-assist bikes and classic pedal bikes. The company currently operates in over 100 cities on five continents. In a recent survey by Lime, nearly one-third of Lime riders reported replacing a trip by automobile during their most recent trip. Through this shift in mobility, Lime has diverted more than 8 million vehicle miles, which

translates to saving over 3,000 tons of carbon or 380,000 gallons of gas. In 2018 Lime launched Lime Green, a long-term global initiative focused on fighting climate change.

The **Ruth Petersen Award**, established in the memory of SSMC's founder, will be presented to long-time SSMC volunteer and Board Member **Bill Schulte**. A 55-year resident of San Mateo County, Bill has been involved with SSMC for more than 13 years, serving on the board from 2006 and as its Chair from 2008 to 2014. Bill has been actively involved with sustainability and senior health issues in the county for more than 20 years. He spent almost 30 years working for the California Public Utilities Commission, the last several leading their consumer protection efforts. He has also worked on a number of poverty-reduction missions throughout Africa, eastern Europe and southeast Asia.

The **Green Building Award**, sponsored by SSMC and the American Institute of Architects of San Mateo County, will be presented to the **Half Moon Bay Library**, which is currently LEED certified in the Gold category (working toward LEED Platinum certification), and is designed to perform as a net zero energy saving facility. Opened in August 2018, the two-story, 22,000-square-foot building was built through a partnership comprised of the City of Half Moon Bay, San Mateo County Libraries and the County of San Mateo. It was designed by Noll & Tam Architects of Berkeley and constructed by BHM Construction, Inc. of Napa. It features natural light and ventilation, lights and shades that are automatically controlled by sensors, radiant heating and cooling, flexible community spaces, a stormwater management system with bioswales, drought-tolerant landscaping and electric vehicle charging stations. All power needs of the building are planned to be provided by solar panels.

### **About Sustainable San Mateo County**

Sustainable San Mateo County (SSMC) is a nonprofit dedicated to its mission of accelerating sustainability actions, policies and best practices throughout the County of San Mateo – and beyond. It addresses the “three Es” of sustainability: the environment, the economy and social equity. For more information, visit [www.sustainablesanmateo.org](http://www.sustainablesanmateo.org).

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### **Calendar Listing:**

**Thursday, April 4, 5:30 p.m. – Sustainable San Mateo County's 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Sustainability Awards Dinner**, College of San Mateo, Bayview Dining Room, 1700 W. Hillsdale Blvd., San Mateo. Five local champions of sustainability will be honored: TransForm, the Citizens Environmental Council of Burlingame, Lime, long-time SSMC volunteer Bill Schulte and the Half Moon Bay Library. Tickets are available at [www.sustainablesanmateo.org/awards](http://www.sustainablesanmateo.org/awards), with early bird pricing until February 28.

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