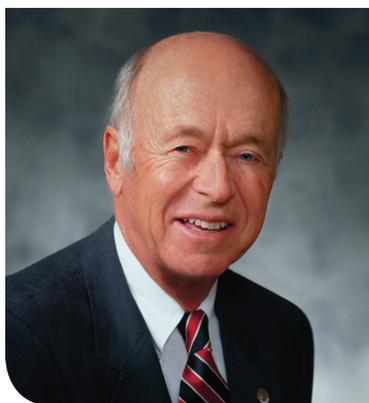


CALIFORNIA WATERFOWLERS HALL OF FAME

2011 Inductees

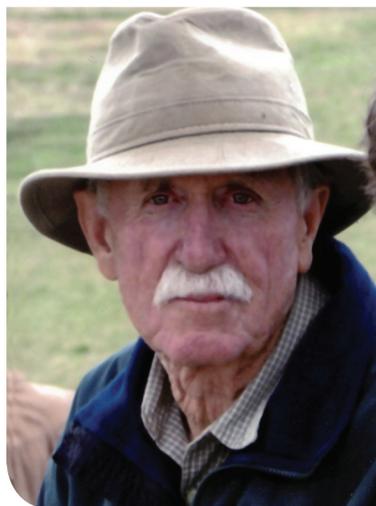
The California Waterfowlers Hall of Fame (CWHF) honored its 2011 inductees at a luncheon on September 28, 2011. Started in 2006, CWHF recognizes those who have significantly impacted the status of waterfowl in California, including biologists, academics, wildlife managers, sportsmen, and other

conservationists. The inductees have dedicated their life's work to improving the waterfowl resource and have left behind a legacy of contributions for future waterfowling generations. This year's inductees including Stephen D. Bechtel, Jr.; Ray L. Burmaster; Tim Egan; Grant Kenyon; and Gary Kramer.



STEPHEN D. BECHTEL, JR.

A dedicated philanthropist, Stephen D. Bechtel, Jr., has had a lifelong passion for waterfowl and wetlands. The S.D. Bechtel, Jr. Foundation has been a leader in migratory bird and wetland conservation and has generously supported California Waterfowl, Ducks Unlimited, and Audubon among other numerous conservation and nonprofit organizations. Bechtel has also personally invested in the protection and restoration of 4,000 acres of waterfowl habitat in California. An avid outdoorsman and competitive retriever trainer, Bechtel has shared his commitment to conservation and love of hunting with his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, in addition to the many conservation contributions he's shared with California hunters.



RAY L. BURMASTER

A hunter since the age of eight, Ray L. Burmaster has been the voice of California public hunters since the 1960s. Working with the Department of Fish and Game (DFG) and the Fish and Game Commission, Burmaster was the motivating force in revising state tagging requirements for harvested birds to conform with federal standards, thus sparing public area hunters from tickets based on conflicting rules. Burmaster served as Chair of the Sacramento Valley Waterfowl Habitat Management Committee, leading an in-depth investigation of habitat management practices of public and private entities. He also served on California Waterfowl's Board of Directors, helping establish both the California Wood Duck Program and the Unattached Hunter Committee, a forum for California public hunters to address issues affecting public hunting. Burmaster's efforts are still serving habitat managers and waterfowlers across the state.

THE WATERFOWLERS HALL OF FAME SELECTION COMMITTEE

- RAY ARNETT *Retired, DFG*
- JOHN CARLSON, JR. *President, California Waterfowl*
- DAN CONNELLY *Retired, DFG*
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- BILL GAINES *President, California Outdoor Heritage Alliance*
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- FRITZ REID *Director of Conservation Planning, Ducks Unlimited*
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