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Truckee Donner Land Trust Director Honored

The Truckee Donner Land Trust's Perry Norris was one of those honored at a recent Sierra Business Council ceremony that is held each year to recognize Sierra Nevada "visionaries."

Norris was presented a Vision 2020 award by the business council for "building one of the most effective land trusts in California."

"He has conserved lands in the Truckee River watershed while protecting open space, promoting recreation, and improving the quality of life in the community," said the business council in a written statement.

Norris has headed the land trust during some of its busiest years.

Formed in 1990 by a group of hikers that banded together to save Coldstream Canyon from logging, the non-profit has grown to include 1,400 members.

Today, the land trust is working on ambitious conservation projects in the Martis Valley, along the Truckee River and other locations around Truckee.

The land trust is also working to complete a trail around Donner Lake — a

route that highlights land in Negro Canyon and Coldstream Canyon that the non-profit has protected as public land.

Norris serves as the trust's executive director.

Other award recipients included Jay Francis of Collins Pine Company for creating sustainable forest practices.

Bernie Vlach, Todd Thallhamer, Gerri Silva, and Norma Santiago of the California Integrated Waste Management Board, El Dorado County Environmental Management, and the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors were honored for their role in the Angora Fire Recovery Plan.

And Kathryn McCamant & Charles Durrett of CoHousing Partners and McCamant & Durrett Architects received an award for their commitment to promoting a unique solution to one of the most vexing problems in the Sierra Nevada — the growing need for affordable, high quality housing.

The Sierra Business Council is the only business organization serving the entire Sierra Nevada region and includes more than 700 businesses, agencies, and individual members.