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Santa Maria Represented Proudly at CPRS Awards

The City of Santa Maria Recreation and Parks Department and Mega 97.1 FM spokesman Ed Carcarey have been recognized by the California Park and Recreation Society (CPRS) as 2012, District Eight award winners.

The CPRS Awards Program recognizes the outstanding achievements of agencies and individuals in the areas of community improvements and programming, facility design and park planning, marketing and communications, and professional and citizen leadership. There are five CPRS regions in California with three districts per region. District Eight includes Santa Barbara, San Luis Obispo, and Ventura counties.

Ed Carcarey is the recipient of the 2012 Champion of the Community award for his community outreach efforts, exemplified by supporting local non-profit groups like the People for Leisure And Youth Inc. (PLAY) and promoting youth activities with the Police Activities League. Mr. Carcarey is always sure to go the extra mile to keep listeners informed about opportunities to strengthen the community and enjoy wholesome, family fun in Santa Maria.

The Recreation and Parks Department, in partnership with Dignity Health Care were honored with a 2012 Recreation and Community Program Award for their Healthy Living Program, "Live Well/Buen Salud" that provides free, family-centered activities designed to promote healthy nutrition and regular physical activity. The Recreation and Parks Department and Dignity Health work with Spanish speaking families who want to learn how to prepare healthy meals.

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