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Retired Rogue River City Administrator Mark Reagles Receives Herman Kehrli Award

BEND, Ore. – The prestigious Herman Kehrli Award was presented Thursday evening to recently retired Rogue River City Administrator Mark Reagles during the League of Oregon Cities' 97th Annual Conference, held at the Riverhouse on the Deschutes. The award is given to a city employee who has made exceptional contributions to city government in Oregon, producing lasting benefits for their community. The LOC recognized co-recipients of the Kehrli Award this year, with retiring Newport City Recorder Peggy Hawker also being recognized.

Reagles started his career with the city of Rogue River as public works director in 1994 and became city administrator in 2000. Over 28 years, he has served nine mayors, 33 city councilors, and countless planning commissioners, budget committee members, staff, and community volunteers. His many accomplishments for the city include:

- Overseeing the building of the city's current water and wastewater treatment plants;
- Managing the downtown revitalization that produced the Downtown Plaza Park;
- Guiding the completion of the first leg of the Rogue River Greenway, a trail connecting the city south to Gold Hill; and
- The planning and building of Rooster Park, home to the annual Roster Crowing Contest and a gathering place that is integral to Rogue River's community identity.

With a unique set of skills, Reagles has been a community fundraiser, a mentor to city officials, and an important voice for small cities in shaping state policy.

About the Herman Kehrli Award

From 1933 to 1966, Herman Kehrli served as executive secretary of the League of Oregon Cities and director of the University of Oregon's former Bureau of Governmental Research and Service. A joint effort between the LOC and the Bureau established standards of excellence for local government officials through an agenda that included research, consultation, and training in city government affairs. Today, the quality of city government statewide is due in large part to the success of this joint effort.

About the League of Oregon Cities

Founded in 1925, the LOC is a voluntary association representing all 241 of Oregon's incorporated cities. The League helps city governments serve their citizens by providing legislative services, policy setting, intergovernmental relations, conferences and training, technical assistance, and publications.

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