**NAGT – Far Western Section 2019 Report**

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The good news is that the FWS was proud to select two OEST awardees this year!

Sergio Alba was selected to win the Section Award, and Kevin Lesback was selected for the CA State OEST Award. Their bios are on the NAGT OEST awards page.

The bad news is that we needed a change in leadership, and that change did not go as smoothly as we could have hoped. Virtual meetings were productive, but we have not been able to host events in 2018-2019. This will change in 2019-2020, as members are restless for the fantastic opportunities that our traditionally robust section has offered in the past. Field conferences are in the planning stages for another visit to the eastern Sierras, as well as another to the Peninsular Ranges of southern CA. Stay tuned!