

- Judith Corbett is currently a consultant to Glenda Humiston, Vice President of University of California Agriculture and Natural Resources and the CA Economic Summit. In this capacity she organizes an annual Symposium for land use decision makers, water supply and flood management district leaders, conservation nonprofits and University experts in groundwater recharge. Invited participants share their cutting edge projects and identify barriers to bringing these projects to scale. The CA Economic Summit then pursues policy changes to reduce or eliminate barriers to future progress in groundwater recharge.

Retired as Executive Director of the Local Government Commission in late 2013, she serves as occasional innovation advisor to the new Executive Director. Corbett was hired as the director in 1979 when the Local Government Commission was created by Governor Jerry Brown, led its transition to an independent non-profit and continued to lead the organization for more than three decades.

She was named by *Time* Magazine as a “Hero for the Planet” and in 2005 received the National Leadership in Planning Award from the American Planning Association.

Corbett was co-developer of the highly acclaimed Village Homes, a model for sustainable development located in Davis, CA, and has coauthored three books on resource efficient land use and building design, most recently *Designing Sustainable Communities: Learning from Village Homes*. At the Local Government Commission, she published over 50 policy guidebooks for local government officials on topics including community water sustainability, hazardous waste reduction, recycling, energy conservation and alternative energy, sustainable economic development, and resource-efficient land use patterns.

Judy Corbett’s leadership is perhaps best known nationally for convening the first conference of local elected officials and visionary architects to seek an alternative to sprawl. Held at the Ahwahnee Hotel in Yosemite National Park, the event gave birth to the

“Ahwahnee Principles” which laid the foundation for “new urbanism” and “smart growth,” leading communities across the nation to promote infill, transit-oriented development and walkable communities.

Judy was influential in linking public health to smart growth, launching the annual “New Partners for Smart Growth” conference, which continues to bring together diverse leaders from across the nation, including public health leaders, to promote healthier and more prosperous communities.

Judy holds an MS in Ecology from the University of California. She is currently a member of the Board of Directors of PCL, chair of the CA Economic Summit Water and Working Landscapes Committee, and founder of the Davis Futures Forum.