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2014 San Joaquin Valley Blueprint Awards
Honoring Valley Projects and People that reflect the “Blueprint” Principles

Visalia- The following San Joaquin Valley Blueprint awards will be presented in Visalia, California at the [Fall Policy Conference](#) Blueprint Awards luncheon on October 3, 2014 from 12:15-1:30 pm at the Visalia Convention Center. The awards luncheon will be hosted by Fresno State’s Office of Community and Economic Development and Community and Regional Planning Center. Nominations were solicited from throughout the San Joaquin Valley. A selection committee reviewed the nominations and selected 8 submittals for recognition. We are pleased to announce the following 2014 Blueprint Awards recipients:

MIXED USE PROJECTS

Award of Excellence: Self-Help Enterprises, Goshen Park Village (Goshen, CA)

Award of Merit: City of Lemoore, Lemoore Recreation Center (Lemoore, CA)

DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION PROJECTS

Award of Excellence: Granville Homes, Crichton Place (Fresno, CA)

Award of Merit: City of Waterford, Downtown Waterford Beautification (Waterford, CA)

HISTORIC DISTRICT PROJECT

Award of Excellence: Granville Homes, Bungalow Court (Fresno, CA)

TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT PROJECT

Award of Merit: City of Woodlake, Whitney Transit Center (Woodlake, CA)

COMMERCIAL PROJECT

Award of Excellence: M Street Arts Complex, Granville Homes (Fresno, CA)

DARREL HILDEBRAND BLUEPRINT LEADERSHIP AWARD

Barbara Steck, Former Deputy Director (Retired), Fresno Council of Governments

Blueprint Awards Background and Criteria

The Valley's eight [regional transportation planning agencies](#) created an awards program in 2010 specifically designed to recognize "Sustainable Development Projects" in six subcategories: residential, commercial, mixed use, historic district, downtown revitalization, and transportation enhancement. Nominations are solicited for projects that are "Blueprint friendly" and incorporate the principles outlined below.

1. Create a range of housing opportunities and choices
2. Create walkable neighborhoods
3. Encourage community and stakeholder collaboration
4. Foster distinctive, attractive communities with a strong sense of place
5. Make development decisions predictable, fair and cost effective
6. Mix land uses
7. Preserve open space, farmland, natural beauty and critical environmental areas
8. Provide a variety of transportation choices
9. Strengthen and direct development towards existing communities
10. Take advantage of compact building design
11. Enhance the economic vitality of the region
12. Support actions that encourage environmental resource management

Criteria for the Darrel Hildebrand Blueprint Leadership Award include support and effectiveness of Blueprint planning concepts and implementation. Past award recipients include:

John Wright, Chairman, Valley Planner's Network
Carol Ornelas, CEO, Visionary Home Builders
Law Nelson, Public Works Director, City of Tulare
Bill Spriggs, Past Chairman, SJV Regional Policy Council

The Blueprint awards program is sponsored by the San Joaquin Valley Regional Policy Council, the Central Section of Cal Chapter APA, Fresno State Office of Community and Economic Development, and Fresno State Community and Regional Planning Center.

The Award Judges represent several sectors:

Regional Policy Council

COG Directors

American Planning Association (CA Central Section)

Community and Regional Planning Center (Fresno State)

Urban and Regional Transformation Cohort (Fresno State)

At large (community member)