



## 2010 San Joaquin Valley Blueprint Awards Recipient Announcement

Four years ago, the eight regional planning agencies in the San Joaquin Valley came together in an unprecedented effort to develop a coordinated valley vision – the San Joaquin Valley Regional Blueprint. This eight county venture was conducted within each county, and in 2009 was integrated to form a preferred vision for future development throughout the Valley to the year 2050.

In an effort to recognize projects that are “Blueprint friendly”, the Valley’s regional planning agencies created an awards program specifically designed for this purpose. Nominations were solicited from throughout the San Joaquin Valley for smart growth projects. The judges reviewed the nominations and selected several for their efforts to reflect the Blueprint Principles. We are pleased to announce this year’s Blueprint Awards recipients.

The following awards will be presented by the Regional Policy Council at the Fall Policy Conference luncheon on October 7, 2010 in Modesto, CA ([www.stancog.org](http://www.stancog.org)) Detailed information about all of the recipient projects is available online in the Blueprint portion of the Fresno COG website at [www.fresnocog.org](http://www.fresnocog.org)

Award of Achievement  
Residential Development Project  
**Villa Monterey Apartments, Stockton, CA**

Award of Achievement  
Mixed Use Project  
**Wagner Woods, Ripon, CA**

Award of Achievement  
Downtown Revitalization Project  
**City of Riverbank – Downtown Revitalization**

Award of Achievement  
Historic Preservation  
**Avenal Theater Restoration Project**

Award of Achievement  
Revitalization – Unincorporated Area  
**Woodbridge Revitalization Project**

Award of Achievement  
Darrel Hildebrand Blueprint Leadership Award  
**Low Nelson, City of Tulare Public Works Director**

## **The Blueprint Principles were used as the criteria to judge the project submittals.**

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

## **Criteria for Darrel Hildebrand Blueprint Leadership Award**

*Support of Blueprint planning and implementation.* Has the nominee's work increased the understanding of the Blueprint planning process? Has the nominee shown a clear understanding of, and support for, the importance of Blueprint implementation to the Valley's quality of life?

*Effectiveness and results.* Has the nominee been effective in implementing Blueprint planning concepts and ideas in support of good planning? What level of influence and effectiveness has the nominee achieved within different segments of the community?

The Blueprint Awards program is sponsored by the San Joaquin Valley Regional Policy Council (representing the eight SJV Regional Planning Agencies), the Central Section of Cal Chapter APA (American Planning Association), San Joaquin Chapter AIA (American Institute of Architects) and the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco.

## **The Award Judges represent several sectors:**

SJV Regional Policy Council Chairman- Mayor Bill Spriggs, City of Merced  
SJV Regional Planning Agencies Director's Chairman – Tony Boren, Executive Director, Fresno COG  
American Planning Association – Ralph Kachadourian, City Planner, Sanger  
American Institute of Architects – Dave Phillips, AIA, DLP Associates  
Federal Reserve Bank, San Francisco – Darryl Rutherford, Regional Manager, San Joaquin Valley Community Development  
Building Industry Association, Fresno/Madera Counties – Mike Prandini, President and CEO  
At Large – Bruce O'Neal, AICP, Land Use Associates