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2013 San Joaquin Valley Blueprint Awards Honoring Valley Projects and People that reflect the “Blueprint” Principles

Fresno - The following [San Joaquin Valley Blueprint awards](#) will be presented by the [Regional Policy Council](#) at the [Fall Policy Conference luncheon](#) on October 11, 2013 at the University Plaza Waterfront Hotel in Stockton, CA. The Valley’s eight [regional transportation planning agencies](#) created an awards program specifically designed to recognize projects that are “Blueprint friendly”, i.e. they incorporate defined Blueprint principles such as providing a range of housing opportunities and/or transportation choices, enhancing the economic vitality of a region or encouraging community participation in the development of a project or plan (*the complete list of principles are attached*). Nominations were solicited from throughout the San Joaquin Valley for [“smart growth”](#) projects. A judging panel reviewed the nominations and selected 8 submittals for recognition. We are pleased to announce the following [2013 Blueprint Awards](#) recipients:

[Mixed Use Project](#)

Award of Excellence ~ Granville Homes ~ 1612 Fulton

[Residential Development](#)

Award of Excellence ~ Corporation for Better Housing ~ Mustang Peak Village
Award of Merit ~ Fresno Housing Authority ~ Parc Grove Commons

[Downtown Revitalization](#)

Award of Merit ~ Derivi Construction & Architecture (DCA) ~ Commercial Building Façade Improvement and Blight Remediation Project

[Historic Revitalization](#)

Award of Merit ~ the Downtown Stockton Alliance

[Transportation Enhancement Awards](#)

Award of Excellence ~ the City of Manteca ~ the City of Manteca Transit Center
Award of Merit ~ San Joaquin Regional Transit District ~ Hammer Triangle Station

[Darrel Hildebrand Blueprint Leadership Award](#)

John Wright, Chairman, Valley Planner’s Network

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

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 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:

American Planning Association (CA Central Section) – Ralph Kachadourian, Chairman

American Institute of Architects (CA San Joaquin Chapter) – Michael Fennacy, AIA, Darden Architects

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 – David Fey, AICP