



## Project of the Year Awards

The Southern California Chapter of APWA (Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside and San Bernardino Counties) will be granting awards to deserving **public agencies** for outstanding public works **projects** or **programs**.

**Purpose:** The Southern California Chapter Project of the Year Award Program was established to:

- Recognize public agencies for outstanding capital improvement projects and public works programs
- Share the good ideas displayed in these projects and programs with other APWA members

**Award Categories:** Awards will be given in the following categories:

- **Transportation:** Street improvements including highways, freeways, capacity enhancements, interchanges, widenings, extensions or new roadways, bridges, retaining or sound walls, and congestion mitigation.
- **Traffic, Mobility & Beautification:** Traffic engineering related projects such as calming measures; signals, ITS, and synchronization; mobility improvements for bikes, pedestrians, and ADA accessibility; beautification projects such as streetscape, median island, parkway landscape, and hardscape improvements.
- **Drainage, Water and Wastewater:** New, replacement or upgrade projects related to storm drain, domestic or reclaimed water, and wastewater/sanitary sewer systems including pipelines, basins, treatment and pump stations.
- **Facilities:** Facilities including parking structures, transit facilities, rail stations, recycling facilities, fiber optics, energy generation & substations, zoos, communications, and public works yards.
- **Buildings:** Occupied structures including libraries, civic centers, senior centers, theaters, community centers, hospitals, fire stations and police stations.
- **Recreation and Athletic Facilities:** New, renovated, or modernized parks, outdoor theaters & amphitheaters, playgrounds, sports facilities & fields, nature trails, and aquatic facilities.
- **Storm Water Quality:** New or retrofitted projects with storm water quality features, storm water treatment, implementation of Green Street technologies, and NPDES related projects.
- **Creative and Innovative.** Show or demonstrate resourcefulness or the use of imagination to create a new idea as it relates to projects, energy conservation, or public works operations, management and technology.

**Award Divisions:** The awards are given in five divisions agencies that serve populations of the following sizes:

- Up to 50,000
- 50,000 to 100,000
- 100,000 to 200,000
- Over 200,000
- Regional Agency/Company (such as Counties, Caltrans, Ports, JPAs, COGs, MPOs and Utilities)

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**Selection Criteria:** The awards application requires brief input on the three areas: performance, uniqueness and quality of life. Your project or program should be unique or outstanding in one or more of these, as described below:

- **Project Performance:** Achieved the project goals; delivered on schedule; demonstrated cost effectiveness; cooperation amongst agencies, consultants and contractor; public involvement & awareness. (75 words)
- **Unique Aspects:** Innovative features through the planning and execution of the project/program that sets it apart. (150 words)
- **Quality of Life:** Results in a positive impact to the community, including residents, businesses and visitors; sustainable features and environmentally sensitive solutions; provides a new, or improves an existing, service to the community. (150 words)

**Eligibility:** To be eligible for nomination, a project must have been “substantially completed” and available for public and/or agency use between September 1 of last year and September 1 of this year. If a project has multiple phases or segments, then “substantially completed” will apply to the final phase or segment of work.

There is a maximum of one award per category, per agency, per year. There is no limit to the number of submittals per agency. An agency can receive no more than 3 awards.

**Nomination Process:** Nominations must be submitted by an APWA member. Award nominations are available on-line at the APWA website: <http://southernca.apwa.net>. A separate application must be used for each award submittal. Applications will not be returned.

**Submittal Requirements:** To qualify for consideration, all nominations must be submitted as follows:

1. Complete the online nomination form. All sections must be completed or the nomination will not be accepted. No handwritten submittals accepted.
2. Attach one **PowerPoint** slide only, not PDF, that contains the following information. If successful, this slide will be used at the Awards luncheon.
  - a. Name of the Project/Program
  - b. Picture of the Project/Program
  - c. Agency Name
  - d. Agency’s Logo
3. Attach (**in PDF format**) any supporting documentation, such as photographs, newspaper stories, other awards, etc. Please limit to 5 pages.

**Deadline:** All nominations must be submitted by midnight on Friday, September 29, 2017.

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