



San Joaquin Valley Blueprint Awards

Sponsored by the San Joaquin Valley Regional Policy Council (representing the eight SJV COGs), the Central Section of Cal Chapter APA (American Planning Association), AIA (American Institute of Architects) San Joaquin Chapter and the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco.

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of the San Joaquin Valley Blueprint Awards Program is to encourage quality in planning and development and to increase the public's awareness of the SJV Blueprint planning process by recognizing outstanding achievements and practices. This awards program is intended to be the first of an ongoing event that will recognize and celebrate plans, policies, programs and projects that reflect the Blueprint Principles.

Awards will be presented by the Regional Policy Council at the Fall Policy Conference luncheon on October 2, 2009 in Fresno.

II. AWARD CATEGORIES ~ Open to all jurisdictions within the San Joaquin Valley Region (within the counties of Kern, Kings, Tulare, Fresno, Madera, Merced, Stanislaus and San Joaquin)

A. Planning Awards: General Plans, Community Plans or Specific Plans

- 1) **Large Jurisdiction:** To a plan of unusually high merit completed within the past 3 years for, by or within a jurisdiction with a CA DOF 2009 population of 100,000 or more.
- 2) **Small Jurisdiction:** To a plan of unusually high merit completed within the past 3 years for, by, or within a jurisdiction with a with a CA DOF 2009 population of less than 100,000.
- 3) **Unincorporated Communities:** To a plan of unusually high merit completed within the past 3 years for, by, or within the unincorporated area of the county.

B. Sustainable Policy Awards: Policies, Programs and Ordinances

- 1) **Large Jurisdiction:** To a policy, program or ordinance that promotes sustainable development, enacted within the past 3 years by or within a jurisdiction with a CA DOF 2009 population of 100,000 or more.
- 2) **Small Jurisdiction:** To a policy, program or ordinance that promotes sustainable development, enacted within the past 3 years by, or within a jurisdiction with a with a CA DOF 2009 population of less than 100,000.
- 3) **Unincorporated Communities:** To a policy, program or ordinance that promotes sustainable development, enacted within the past 3 years by, or within the unincorporated area of the county.

C. Sustainable Development Projects: On the ground, existing examples of projects that exemplify the Blueprint Principles *(During the first few years of this awards program, projects built during earlier times may be nominated in order to highlight “the art of the possible” in sustainable development.)*

1) Large Jurisdiction: To a project that exemplifies sustainable development within a jurisdiction with a CA DOF 2009 population of 100,000 or more.

2) Small Jurisdiction: To a project that exemplifies sustainable development within a jurisdiction with a CA DOF 2009 population of less than 100,000.

3) Unincorporated Communities: To a project that exemplifies sustainable development within the unincorporated area of the county.

III. CRITERIA: How does the plan, policy, program or project reflect the following Blueprint Principles?

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

IV. NOMINATION SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS

1) All nominations must be submitted in electronic format on a CD/DVD. Eight paper copies of the attached “San Joaquin Valley Blueprint 2009 Awards Application Form” must be submitted with each award submittal.

2) Eight CD/DVDs of the following items must be submitted. One CD/DVD must be labeled Master Copy. Please place each of the following into separate folders on the CD/DVD. Each award submittal CD/DVD must be labeled with the appropriate award category. The following items must be submitted:

- Ø **APPLICATION:** The completed Blueprint Awards Application Form.
- Ø **SUMMARY DESCRIPTION:** One page summary of the submission.
- Ø **AWARD CRITERIA:** One- or two-page explanation demonstrating how the submission specifically reflects the criteria listed in item III above.
- Ø **LETTER (S) OF SUPPORT:** At least one (1), but no more than five (5) one-page letters in support of the entry from someone familiar with the nomination, but other than the nominator and/or staff/consultant.
- Ø **PLAN or POLICY:** A digital copy in PDF format on CDDVD of the document for which the nomination is submitted. The document can be submitted as a separate CD/DVD. If submitted as a separate CD/DVD, please make sure to label

each CD/DVD. All winning documents will be posted on the Valley Blueprint website.

Ø **IMAGES:** Ten (10) digital images in JPEG format. **No PowerPoint Presentations.** The images should be representative of the nomination, as they will be used during the Awards Ceremony. Please include a brief sentence identifying or describing each slide. Please remember to include one CD/DVD labeled **Master Copy**.

3) All submissions must be received by the deadline and strictly follow the requirements outlined above and on the Blueprint Awards Application Form.

4) Submissions received before the deadline not meeting the requirements may be returned and resubmitted before the deadline at the discretion of the Vice President for Administration.

5) Submissions may be entered in only one award category or subcategory.

V. AWARDS SELECTION PROCESS & SCHEDULE

A jury of seven members shall be appointed to judge the entries. The decision of the majority of the jury shall be final.

Jury - One from each category:

- Ø Regional Policy Council
- Ø COG Directors
- Ø APA – Central Section
- Ø AIA – San Joaquin Chapter
- Ø Federal Reserve Bank,
Community Development
- Ø BIA - Central Section
- Ø At Large (community member)

Schedule:

- Ø Begin call for projects – July 1st
- Ø Nomination deadline – August 21st
- Ø Judging completed by Sept. 4th
- Ø Announcement – Sept. 9th
- Ø Awards Ceremony – Oct. 2nd in
Fresno at Fall Policy Council
Luncheon

SUBMITTALS: Nominations must be received by 5:00 PM on August 21, 2009. Mail to:

**Barbara Steck, AICP, Deputy Director
2035 Tulare Street, Suite 201
Fresno, CA 93721**

(Do not submit any paper copies of your application materials other than the eight (8) copies of the Awards Application Form.)

NUMBER OF AWARDS

Only one first-place award may be granted per category/sub-category. When exceptional circumstances warrant, one Award Finalist may also be given per category. If the jury finds that none of the nominations in a particular category meets the criteria, there may be no award in that category.

HONORING THE AWARD RECIPIENTS

Award recipients will be honored during an awards ceremony luncheon at the annual Fall Policy Conference. Each award recipient will be provided with one awards event ticket at no cost.

**San Joaquin Valley Blueprint Awards Program
2009 Awards Application Form**

*Nominations for the SJV Blueprint Awards are due by 5:00 PM, Friday, August 21, 2009.
Materials received after this date will be not be accepted and will not be returned.*

I nominate _____

for a 2009 SJV Blueprint Award for the category of:

NOMINATION INFORMATION

It is imperative that all of the following documentation is provided in full.

A. Nominator: The Nominator will be considered the primary communications contact for all decisions made on this nomination and will work with Valley COG staff to obtain additional information and materials.

Name _____

Organization _____

Title _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip Code _____

Phone _____ Fax _____

E-mail _____

B. Primary Award Recipient:

Name _____

Organization _____

Title _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip Code _____

Phone _____ Fax _____

E-mail _____

C. Recognition: Primary organization to be listed on trophy/plaque if chosen as winner:

Optional: Other supporting organization(s) that you wish to be recognized at the Awards Ceremony who worked on this project:

D. Acknowledgement of Nominator/Award Recipient

I acknowledge that the submitted work was done by the parties credited in this Awards Application Form, and that the work meets the appropriate nomination submittal requirements listed in the instructions. I understand that all winning documents will be placed on the SJV Blueprint website under Award Winners and Best Practices.

Signature of Nominator

Date

Printed Name of Nominator

Questions: 550-233-4148 or bjsteck@fresnocog.org