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This 2nd edition of the digital Cal Planner includes the first Cal Planner links to both video and an image slide show. The video and slide show links of the 2009 APA California Award ceremony help bring the experience of being at the awards; and help illustrate two media award winners that used video to communicate planning. We hope you enjoy these three media links.

I would like to thank Jessie Barkley, our APA California Awards Coordinator; and Kendall Flint, of PMC for producing the 2009 Awards Video. Thanks also to Sadna Samaranayake, Dorina Blythe, Francine Farrell and Laura Murphy of APA California for helping to bring enhanced media to Cal Planner.

If you are considering submitting an article for Cal Planner, please know we are able to receive multiple images, video and sound files as part of future article submissions.

We hope you enjoy this first multi-media Cal Planner.

Kindest regards,

Lance Schulte, AICP, APA California, VP of Public Information

APA California 2009 Awards

The 2009 APA California Awards Lunch Ceremony was held on September 15th as part of the APA state conference in Lake Tahoe. The APA California Awards Program recognizes and celebrates great planning work occurring throughout California. The purpose of the Awards Program is to encourage quality in planning and increase the public's awareness of the planning profession through acknowledging outstanding achievements in the planning field. The Program honors innovative plans and projects as well as distinguished planners, planning advocates and students. Congratulations to this year's winners!



Watch the Winners on the Awards Video ([Link to Awards Video](#))



See the Photos of the Award Winners ([Link to Photo Slide Show](#))

2009 Comprehensive Planning Award for a Large Jurisdiction

City of Sacramento 2030 General Plan

**City of Sacramento with Lead Consultants,
PBS&J and Mintier Harnish**

The City of Sacramento 2030 General Plan is the first comprehensive revision of the City's General Plan in over 20 years. This effort included input by thousands of citizens during an extensive public outreach process that engaged residents, business owners, developers, and decision-makers. The 2030 General Plan sets a new direction for the future of Sacramento by transitioning to a land use and urban form system that is based on placemaking principles that guide the physical form and character of each area of the city and how the community will grow in a more sustainable fashion to provide for existing and future needs.

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You're Invited!

**2009 World Town Planning Day
Online Conference focuses on
Resilience in a Changing Climate
November 12 - November 14, 2009**

For the first time ever, eight planning organizations – including the APA International Division – have come together to support a joint “virtual” conference for planners from around the globe in honor of *World Town Planning Day*. This conference is conducted completely online as part of efforts to reduce the carbon footprint resulting from presenter/participant travel.

This online conference will bring together a conference featuring speakers from around the world. It will include live voice and presentation links to presentations that will be held at various times throughout the three days of the conference. Learn more about the conference and register to receive updates



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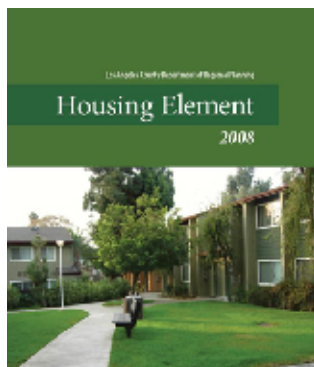
Award of Merit, 2009 Comprehensive Planning for a Large Jurisdiction

Los Angeles County Housing Element

Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning Housing Section; Veronica Tam and Associates; and EDAW AECOM

The Los Angeles County Housing Element describes how the County will address its fair share of the regional housing need through smart growth strategies, such as transit-oriented development, infill development and the preservation of environmentally sensitive areas. The project goes beyond State Housing Element requirements, and was developed as a user-friendly tool that can be used by members of the public and County staff to address housing needs and also promote good planning principles, such as transit-oriented development, livability and infill development.

Contact: *Connie Chung, Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning-Housing Section, (213) 974-6417*



2009 Comprehensive Planning Award for a Small Jurisdiction

The Campus Plan

University of California Santa Barbara, Campus Planning and Design; and Urban Design Associates

The Campus Plan for the University of California, Santa Barbara is the ninth in a series of campus and master plans undertaken to guide the physical growth associated with UC Santa Barbara. This latest Campus Plan represents an interesting focus on urban design, sustainability, and environmental and coastal resource protection. It combines a renewed emphasis on the civic quality of campus buildings with open spaces to create a memorable sense of place. The Campus Plan also uses an extensive collection of physical plans, maps, drawings, and photos to clearly illustrate key planning concepts.

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Award of Merit, 2009 Comprehensive Planning for a Small Jurisdiction

Milpitas Transit Area Specific Plan

City of Milpitas and Dyett & Bhatia

The Milpitas Transit Area Specific Plan is a visionary station area plan that accommodates over 17,000 new residents in an infill setting of less than one square mile. It is the largest planned residential development adjacent to a BART station in the Bay Area. The Specific Plan shows how an older developed area with hundreds of properties can be redeveloped in an integrated manner, while still respecting the needs of individual property owners. The Specific Plan also demonstrates how a network of small blocks, residential streets, parks and trails can be woven through an industrial area.

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2009 Planning Project Award

Capital Village

City of Rancho Cordova

Capital Village is a new mixed use, town center community in the heart of the new City of Rancho Cordova. It is designed as a Local Town Center and provides a balanced mix of land uses, including a variety of housing types, commercial, mixed use and parks and open space, to meet the needs of residents and the larger community. The innovative site planning and architecture form a cohesive fabric that fosters connectivity, the creation of a "Main Street" environment, and an active pedestrian environment.

Contact: Jeffrey Beiswenger, AICP, City of Rancho Cordova, (916) 851-8754



Award of Merit, 2009 Planning Project Award

North County Transit District TOD Redevelopment Plan and CFD Research Appendix for Three Transit Stations in North San Diego County

North County Transit District and KTU+A

Additional Consultants: Keyser Marston Inc., Kimley Horn, Fehr and Peers, EDAW, PMC, Nelson/Nygard and Gail Murray

This project determined the redevelopment potential of three large transit stations located in Northern San Diego County. The stations operated by North County Transit District, included the Oceanside Transit Center, the Carlsbad Village Station and the Escondido Transit Center. One of the primary goals of the project was to identify "smart" infill development that can support transit and the development in turn, can be supported by transit. Another primary goal of the project is to provide a variety of housing including inclusionary affordable housing, work force housing, senior housing and market rate units.

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2009 Focused Issue Planning Award

The East Bay Greenway Concept Plan

Urban Ecology; Human Impact Partners; and DKS Associates

The Bay Area Rapid Transit tracks from Oakland to Hayward cut through some of the poorest and most-densely populated communities in San Francisco's East Bay. Underneath the elevated tracks is bare ground with no sidewalks or pathways. Despite this, people walk and bicycle on this route every day. The East Bay Greenway Concept Plan provides a new vision for this corridor, one where the unused space underneath BART becomes a 12-mile pedestrian and bicycle pathway will serve as a safe and attractive commuter alternative that also supports community places like playgrounds, art displays, and market places.

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The Channel Islands Harbor Public Areas Plan and Design Guidelines County of Ventura Harbor Department; and Wallace Roberts & Todd, Inc.

The County of Ventura Harbor Department has embarked on a major effort to upgrade and improve the Channel Islands Harbor to serve its many recreational users. The Public Areas Plan and Design Guidelines establishes a framework for the Harbor that uses the nearby Channel Islands to inspire an identity for each of the Harbor parks. Public improvements are expressed through the use of native plants, incorporating native plant and animal motifs in the designs and public art, and using interpretive exhibits and displays. The plan also emphasizes improved stormwater quality by encouraging development of bioswales and other natural filtering mechanisms.



Contact: Marilyn Miller, AICP, County of Ventura Harbor Department, (805) 382-3005

2009 Best Practices Award

The California Pedestrian Safety Assessment Program

California Office of Traffic Safety; Technology Transfer Program - Institute of Transportation Studies - University of California, Berkeley; and Fehr & Peers

The Pedestrian Safety Assessment program was developed specifically to evaluate pedestrian safety in California cities. The focus of the Pedestrian Safety Assessment program is to improve pedestrian safety through a multi-disciplinary review of planning/policy, infrastructure, and engineering measures. The Pedestrian Safety Assessment program incorporates best practices in pedestrian safety and is intended for use by a team of two evaluators that will perform the assessments in California cities. Already 19 cities have been selected to receive Pedestrian Safety Assessments.



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2009 Innovation in Green Community Planning Award

The San Mateo County Sustainable Green Streets and Parking Lots Design Guidebook

San Mateo Countywide Water Pollution Prevention Program; Nevue Ngan Associates; and Sherwood Design Engineers

The San Mateo County Sustainable Green Streets and Parking Lots Design Guidebook is a document that richly illustrates how streets and parking lots can be designed to manage urban runoff in a more sustainable and natural way. The design guidebook provides a bold, clear, and "green" vision for 21 municipalities within San Mateo County, California, and is an innovative and comprehensive guidance documents on green street design. Although the design guidebook is intended for designers, builders, municipal staff, and interest groups within San Mateo County, its ideas and concepts are applicable to many urban communities throughout the United States.



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2009 Grassroots Initiative Award

Coyote Creek Bikeway Plan

Trails4All; Rivers and Mountains Conservancy;

California Resource Connections;

Los Angeles County Bicycle Coalition; and the National Park Service

The Coyote Creek Bikeway Master Plan provides a broad overview of the regional benefits of alternative transportation planning and recreational resources along a waterway that connects various cities along a common county line. Coyote Creek is a concrete-lined channel located partly in north Orange County and partly in southeast Los Angeles County. Completion of new segments of a Coyote Creek Bike Trail would provide over 1 million residents direct bicycle access to the San Gabriel River Trail and coastal access at the mouth of the San Gabriel River. The project is a noteworthy example of regional collaboration in trail alignment, design, financing, fund raising, and implementation.



Contact: Jim Meyer, Trails4All, (310) 344-9229

Award of Merit, 2009 Grassroots Initiative Award

Sustainability Committee of the Downtown Los Angeles Neighborhood Council

With the support of the Downtown Los Angeles Neighborhood Council; Councilmember Jan Perry; University of Southern California; USGBC-Los Angeles Chapter, American Institute of Architects-Los Angeles; Los Angeles Police Department; and APA Los Angeles Section

The Downtown Los Angeles Neighborhood Council is an advocate on issues of affordable housing, economic development, education, arts, parks, open space, planning and land use in downtown Los Angeles. In 2008, the Sustainability Committee of the Downtown Los Angeles Neighborhood Council was created to engage the community in the development of a long-term plan for sustainability in rapidly evolving downtown Los Angeles. The Sustainability Committee has launched several projects to engage the community on issues of water and energy efficiency, recycling and waste, trees and shade, rooftop gardens and composting, and green living.



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2009 Distinguished Leadership Award for a Professional Planner

Jane Clough-Riquelme, Ph.D., Tribal Liaison, SANDAG

Dr. Jane Clough-Riquelme serves as an excellent model for the role that Tribal Liaisons in Metropolitan Planning Organizations can play in integrating tribal governments into the regional transportation process. Most counties need to find a working relationship with one or two tribes, while San Diego is unique in that it is home to 17 tribal nations. She has gained the trust and respect of the tribal community through her high level of professionalism and sensitivity to the customs and political processes of the tribal community, serving to bridge the gap between what are often complex planning processes and the needs of the tribal community.

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2009 Distinguished Leadership Award for an Elected Official

Mike Feuer, California State Assembly, 42nd District

Mike Feuer has a long and accomplished track record of contributions to urban planning in California. He has worked as a councilmember of the City of Los Angeles, and as a member of the California Assembly at the state level. The State APA jury recognizes Mr. Feuer's lifelong contribution to diverse areas of planning and appreciates his commitment to improving urban neighborhoods, increasing transit options and creating opportunities for public involvement. Mike Feuer has been a friend of the planning profession and has a resume of accomplishment worthy of recognition.

Contact: Mike Feuer, California State Assembly, (916) 319-2042



2009 Distinguished Leadership Award for a Student Planner

Taryn Hanano, San José State University

Taryn Hanano has exemplified exceptional scholarship and ongoing commitment to advancing the visibility and recognition of the urban planning profession through her active participation at the University of California at Irvine, San José State University, the American Planning Association, the Urban Planning Coalition Planning Student Organization, her professional career, and her many other urban neighborhood and community planning-related volunteer events.

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2009 Distinguished Leadership Award for a Planning Firm, Department or Agency

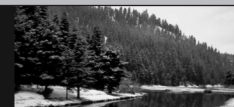
Capitol Area Development Authority (CADA)

The Capitol Area Development Authority (CADA) merits the receipt of an APA Award due to its success over the past thirty years in transforming state-owned land south of the State Capitol into a sustainable neighborhood. CADA, a joint powers authority of the State of California and the City of Sacramento, was created to implement the residential and neighborhood commercial components of the 1977 Capitol Area Plan to connect the State Capital Campus to the surrounding urban fabric. CADA has been a pioneer in establishing many innovative planning approaches such as smart growth, energy conservation, mixed income projects, and community participation.

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Award of Merit, 2009 Distinguished Leadership Award for a Planning Firm, Department or Agency

City of Riverside Planning Division

The City of Riverside Planning Department has a long history, both in terms of providing outstanding planning services to the residents of Riverside as well as providing excellent leadership throughout Southern California. The Planning staff work diligently to develop new solutions to proving development and housing options to fit a range of needs while still incorporating the many historical elements that make the City distinct. In addition, the City of Riverside Planning Division has been, and continues to be, an advocate for good planning and good planners.



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2009 Section Activity Award

Young Planners Group and Speaker Series Sacramento Valley Section

Young Planners Group. Since hosting its first networking event in October 2008, the Young Planners Group (YPG) has grown into a thriving resource for young planning professionals and students throughout the Sacramento region. YPG grew out of a need to meet the educational and professional development needs of young planners (i.e., 35 years of age or younger and students). The YPG also seeks to increase participation of young planners in local APA chapters. With this in mind, the focus of YPG is to foster social and professional relationships with fellow young planners and experienced planning professionals through career building programs, social events, and mentoring opportunities. Since beginning the first YPG in the nation, the Sacramento Valley Section YPG has continued to assist other APA sections and chapters start their own YPG programs.



Speakers Series. The APA California Chapter Sacramento Valley partnering with the American Institute of Architects, California Sierra Chapter American Society of Landscape Architects, Environmental Council of Sacramento, Urban Land Institute, and US Green Building Council – Sacramento, and the Association for Environmental Professionals, is currently in the second year of its Sustainable Region Speakers Series. This series expands on more than four years of the section's professional speakers series "Talking the Talk and Walking the Walk." The Sustainable Region series brings the Sacramento region a series of six seminars where land use, planning and design professionals, along with social equity and environmental advocates will discuss how our individual practices will have to change in order to create a sustainable region and meet the challenge of reducing green house gases, adapting to climate change and preserving the quality of life we value for future generations. The Chapter also hopes to address methods of working together and engaging the community in embracing the future and seeing the advantages of meeting these challenges.

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2009 Education Project Award

San Mateo SMART Public Outreach and Climate Change Campaign City of San Mateo and PMC

SMART, or San Mateo Acting Responsibly Together, is a phased, grassroots campaign prompting public awareness and encouraging behavior change to address climate change. The goal is to increase public awareness and promote behavior change to reduce greenhouse gas emissions locally. This campaign is designed to assist the city in achieving its short- and long-term greenhouse gas emissions reduction targets. The SMART campaign combines technical components with community outreach and public participation to measure and reduce local greenhouse gas emissions.

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Award of Merit, 2009 Education Project Award

More Mesa Handbook

AMEC Earth and Environmental, Inc.; and More Mesa Preservation Coalition

The More Mesa Handbook was commissioned to fulfill an educational goal of the More Mesa Preservation Coalition's strategic plan to educate people about the significant resources of More Mesa, a 330-acre ocean front site located in Santa Barbara County. The Handbook accomplished this by assembling decades of research material into a comprehensive, yet easily understandable, publication for use in educating its Board members, officials, and the general public about the biological resources, recreational values, and aesthetic assets of More Mesa.



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2009 Academic Award

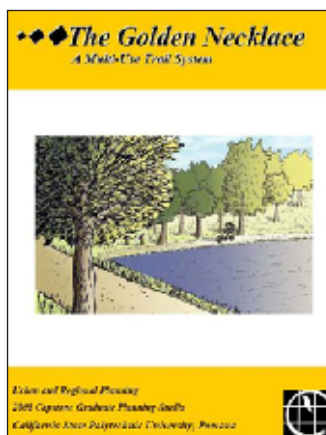
The Golden Necklace Project

Department of Urban and Regional Planning, CSPU, Pomona Professor Julianna Delgado; and the 2008 Capstone Planning Studios

The Golden Necklace Project is the result of the 2008 graduate and undergraduate planning studios in the Department of Urban and Regional Planning at California State Polytechnic University, Pomona. The purpose of The Golden Necklace Project was to imagine a multi-use trailway system across Southern California creating an important route for hikers, bicyclists, and equestrians.

The students' efforts were impressive and professionally executed, providing invaluable information on the connectivity of trails, while raising awareness about the need for watershed management, open space conservation, and non-motorized multi-modal transportation options.

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Award of Merit, 2009 Academic Award

Draft Benicia Climate Action Plan

California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo City and Regional Planning Department; and the Benicia Community Development Department

The Draft Benicia Climate Action Plan development process was conducted as a collaborative planning effort between California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo undergraduate students and City staff as well as community members and key regional stakeholders. The state of the art Draft Benicia Climate Action Plan provides the City of Benicia a foundation on which to build a long term climate strategy and will serve as a roadmap for reaching the City's adopted emissions reduction targets.

Contact: *Adrienne Greve, Ph.D., California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, (805) 756-1474*



Award of Merit, 2009 Academic Award

Urban Design Plan for Downtown Delano

California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo City and Regional Planning Department CRP 203-03

The City of Delano engaged the City and Regional Planning Department at Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo to assist in the development of a Specific Plan for the City's Downtown area. The students were imaginative in their creation of the Plan yet were considerate of the constraints facing the Downtown. As a result of the students' efforts, the City is now in the process of implementing the ideas presented in the Plan to revitalize the Downtown and public realm.

Contact: *Keith Woodcock, City of Delano, (661) 721-3340 and Umut Toker, California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, (805) 756-1315*



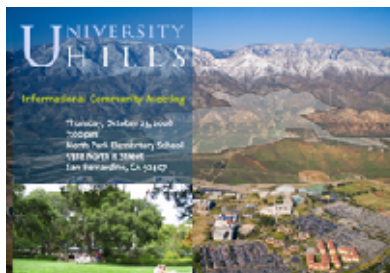
2009 Neighborhood Planning Award

University Hills Specific Plan

City of San Bernardino; The Planning Center; and Inland Communities Corporation

The University Hills Specific Plan reconfigures an adopted specific plan for a standard, single-family residential subdivision in a way that conforms to the site characteristics, the goals of the City of San Bernardino, the needs of the adjacent California State University San Bernardino, as well as sustainable building practices. Development will be clustered; preserving over half of the area as open space, and provides a mixture of housing types, including faculty housing, interconnected by a series of pathways to natural open space, parks, trails, and educational opportunities.

Contact: *Brian James, The Planning Center, (714) 966-9220 and Terri Rahhal, City of San Bernardino, (909) 384-5057*



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Inclusionary Housing Ordinance

San Luis Obispo County Planning and Building Department

During this time of declining home prices, San Luis Obispo County continues to have severe shortage of affordable housing. In response to this need, San Luis Obispo County adopted an Inclusionary Housing Ordinance: a result of three years of planning and outreach. It offers flexibility, incentives and predictability for developers and is a significant contributor to affordable housing. The ordinance was adopted with broad community support, including homebuilders, housing advocates and elected leaders.



Contact: Dana Lilley, San Luis Obispo County, (805) 781-5715

2009 Hard Won Victory Award

San Clemente Beach Trail

City of San Clemente; DeRail the Trail; Congressman Ken Calvert; Rails-to-Trails, OCTA; California Coastal Commission; Railroad Corridor Safety and Education Panel (RCSEP); and the Coastal Conservancy

The San Clemente Beach Trail is unique in that it is a trail beside an active rail corridor. The trail became a reality due to the steadfast support of many community members and agencies that joined together to overcome significant physical, natural, social and regulatory challenges to create a vital community resource. It has already become a national model and serves as a wonderful example of how to successfully accommodate a popular public beach and trail with an active rail line within a constrained corridor.



Contact: Amber Gregg, City of San Clemente, (949) 361-6196

2009 Individual Journalist Award

Steve Hyman, Los Angeles Times

Steve Hyman joined the Los Angeles Times 13 years ago, and has distinguished himself as a critical writer on environmental, local government and most prominently transportation issues facing the greater Los Angeles area. Steve Hyman is not only an accomplished journalist, but most critically, Steve Hyman has advanced understanding of transportation planning throughout the general population. The transportation issues facing Los Angeles are complex as are potential solutions; Steve Hyman's articles delve into this complexity and promote greater knowledge and involvement from the public. His contribution has not only benefited journalism but has furthered the understanding and promotion of the professional practice of urban planning.

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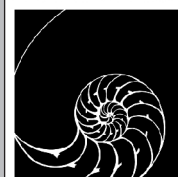
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2009 Media Award

La Pulga: San José's Flea Market

**Director Rene Picazo, and Producers Alina Kwak and Henry Servin, Jr.,
A Pan Dulce Films Production**

La Pulga: San José's Flea Market is a documentary style film that evaluates and highlights the historic, economic and cultural significance of a Northern California landmark—the San José Flea Market, which is the first and largest flea market in the United States which is slated to close in 2010. The film focuses on the planning-related rezoning process of the flea market itself, but it also very expertly addresses the complexity of urban and social justice issues in the ever-growing City of San José. As a piece of civic journalism, this film does what few newspapers can still boast—to capture the interest of a community and inspire action amongst its citizenry.

Contact: Henry Servin, Jr., Producer, (408) 448-4510 and Alina Kwak, City of San José Housing Department, (408) 975-4469



Watch the Video Link to La Pulga

Award of Merit, 2009 Media Award

The Nolen Plan: Vision, Politics and Memory

**Brian F. Mooney, AICP; University of San Diego Department of History;
APA San Diego Section; and the San Diego Historical Society**

The Nolen Plan: Vision, Politics and Memory is a documentary film dedicated to 100 years of planning in San Diego and the historical roots of the profession. The film explores the original planning vision of San Diego as manifested in John Nolen's 1908 Comprehensive Plan for San Diego. The film employs a variety of images, documents, and interviews to educate the audience about how the vision, politics and memory in San Diego contributed to what was, and remains an innovative urban plan. It is an important tool to both celebrate the 100th anniversary of planning in San Diego and to educate the community on the historical roots of the San Diego vision.

Contact: Brian F. Mooney, Mooney Consulting Group, (858) 243-0667

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(left to right)

Lisa Wilkinson, Associate Planner, City of San Buenaventura Community Development Dept.; Daniel Hamilton, AICP, Senior Project Manager, PMC; Roger Martin, AICP, Transportation Planning Manager, Metro; Malo Andre Hutson, PhD, Assistant Professor, University of California at Berkeley.

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2009 Planner Emeritus Network Honor Awards

Each year the Planner Emeritus Network selects several long tenured planners who have made significant and substantial contributions to the profession during their careers to receive a PEN Honor Award. The award recognizes, not only the accomplishment of the recipients in their professional careers, but also their furtherance of the profession through support of APA California and other planning organizations, as well as community service.

Barry Eaton, AICP, has been a professional planner for almost 50 years. During his career, he worked for a variety of public agencies and private sector firms. In 1962 at the age of 24, he became the Planning Director for the City of Azusa, the youngest planning director in California at that time. Since his retirement from the City of Fullerton in 1995, he has worked as a consultant to that city, as well as serving his own community of Newport Beach on its Environmental Quality Advisory Committee and, more recently the Planning Commission. His contribution to planning in Newport Beach is well documented in the quality of that city's updated General Plan which won a National APA award in 2008.

Stanley Hoffman, FAICP, is the founder of Stanley R. Hoffman Associates, a recognized leader in the field of urban economics. His distinguished career includes a wide range of projects for public and private sector clients, including studies for General Plan updates, economic analyses, annexation studies and real estate market research. He has also served as an instructor in the UCLA Department of Urban Planning, as well as a planning leader with several organizations, including the California Planning Foundation, the California Planning Roundtable, the Urban Land Institute, and the Alumni Council of the UCLA Department of Urban Planning.

Marjorie Macris, FAICP, has a long history of professional planning leadership and service for both cities and counties in California. Her accomplishments include the Marin Countywide Plan, a document that established that county's growth patterns for three decades. She is the author of many planning books, papers and articles and is often cited by other authors as an expert in planning-related books, reports, documents, and newspaper articles. A long-time advocate for women in planning, she was instrumental in the formation of APA's Planning and Women Division in 1979. She is also widely respected for her civic involvement, serving on the Marin County Transportation Steering Committee, the Marin County St. Vincent's / Silveira Task Force and as chair of the Campaign for Marin, a coalition of local environmental groups.

Dean Macris, FAICP, is known as the professional planning leader for the City of San Francisco over several decades, setting a strong urban planning and design tradition for the city that continues today. During the 1980's, he was responsible for development of the Downtown Plan and Mission Bay Plan, two highly publicized master plans that received wide critical acclaim. During his career, he has also served as the Associate Executive Director of the Association of Bay Area Governments, Assistant Commissioner of Planning in Chicago, and as a consultant on numerous significant public and private development projects. He has represented the planning profession as a participant, contributor and speaker for many planning-related organizations, such as the Urban Land Institute and the San Francisco Planning and Urban Research Association, and most recently received the 2009 Housing Hero Award from the San Francisco Housing Action Coalition.

Donald Rothblatt, FAICP, is Professor and Chair Emeritus of Urban and Regional Planning at San Jose State University. He has been the recognized face and enthusiastic spokesperson for the Masters Program at San Jose State. A staunch champion of the program over the past 30 years, he has been instrumental in ensuring the curriculum is relevant and responsive to planning problems and issues. Dr. Rothblatt is known for his educational ideals, determination, mentoring skills and dedication to his students. During his time as a professor, his research focused on transportation planning, agency organization, and planning education and training. His most current research examines strategies for improving the quality of public participation in the regional planning process. He is now serving as the Past President of the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning, and was recently appointed to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission Advisory Council.



Chapter History Offerings Expand with Video Project, Oral Histories

Following last year's successful 60th Anniversary celebration, APA California has expanded its chapter history offerings, under the direction of Betty Croly, Chapter Historian and Lance Schulte, Vice President for Public Information.

Two new products will result from this landmark effort – a 10-minute video documenting the history of the Chapter, and an expanded array of oral history interviews documenting the role of communities of color in shaping California planning. These are now in development, with projected release of the video at the APA California Conference in September. The material generated will be used to enhance the research products generated for the 60th Anniversary last year, and to expand the dialogue about the influence of planning and planners in our communities.

To learn more about the video project, the Chapter's research efforts, or to contribute information, please contact 60th Anniversary Subcommittee chair Steve Preston at (626) 308-2810, or



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President's Message

By Kurt Christiansen, AICP, President



This is my favorite issue of the *California Planner*. The last issue of 2009 highlights the 2009 APA California Chapter planning award winners. The best of the best in California planning showcased in *California Planner*. Congratulations to all of the winners. I am crossing my fingers that some of our award winning plans, projects, and people are recognized during the National awards selection process. Each year I am amazed at the quality of planning being done throughout California.

In early September the Chapter held a memorable State Conference in Squaw Valley, California. The weather held out, and the setting was breath taking. We do not get many opportunities to see our more rustic areas of the State. I would also like to note, that the Keynote speakers were exceptional. The Sacramento Valley Section did a phenomenal job planning and executing an outstanding conference. I wish to thank Conference Co-Chairs, Rick Rust, AICP, Tricia Stevens, AICP and the entire Conference Committee, for a job well done. I also want to thank Sacramento Valley Section Director, Julia Lave-Johnston, for her incredible leadership planning this conference. We are now in the midst of planning the 2010 Conference, which will be held in Carlsbad, California, November 1 - 4. I hope to see many of you at the 2010 Conference.

As my Chapter Presidency heads into the final 12 months, I am looking forward to helping the organization elevate planning to new heights. As we begin to recover from the economic downturn, new and exciting opportunities are knocking at our door. The economy of California will change and we, as planners, will assist in making California a better place to live and work. We will continue to be on the forefront of the climate change issue, we will show the rest of the country that high speed rail can be achieved, and we will turn California into the leading "green" state in the country. Our planners make great communities happen everyday.

In early October, National APA announced the Great Places in America for 2009. Congratulations to the City of Pasadena for having its Bungalow Heaven Neighborhood selected as one of this year's 10 Great Neighborhoods. Bungalow Heaven is one of the largest designated Historic Districts in the Nation. Through great planning and community involvement, this neighborhood stands out as an outstanding example of historic preservation of a neighborhood that exemplifies the roots of the Craftsmen Architectural style.

Also in October, I attended APA's National Policy and Legislative Conference. An important bill working its way through Congress is Senate Bill 1619, Livable Communities Act of 2009, introduced by Senator Dodd of Connecticut. This bill, if adopted, establishes in the executive branch an independent Interagency Council on Sustainable Communities. The bill also requires that a grant program be established for comprehensive planning and a sustainability grant program that allows for a consortium of groups and agencies to prepare regional plans. This is a National effort to promote coordinated land use, housing, transportation, and infrastructure planning processes across jurisdictions and agencies. This is similar to our "Blueprint" process in California. The money will enable California to expand the "Blueprint" process.

As we close out 2009, I want to wish all of you a happy and safe holiday season.

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Legislative Update

By Sande George, Stefan/George Associates, APA Lobbyist and Executive Director

2009 Legislative Session and Regulatory Wrap Up



The end of the 2009 legislative session finished with a number of issues still pending. On October 11, 2009, the Governor set a record for signing the fewest bills in a legislative year. While the Legislature passed 872 bills in 2009, the fewest in more than 40 years, the Governor signed only 696, vetoing 257 bills. Though the first year of the two-year regular session has finished, the Legislature has a number of important issues left on the table that will be the subject of an unprecedented three special sessions called by the Governor to deal with the state's tax structure, the Delta/water storage and allocation measures, and education. Below is a wrap up of special session issues, regulatory activities and legislation.

Delta/Water Measures:

Legislators worked until the early morning on September 12, coming close to a deal on the Delta bills on the last day of the legislative session: AB 39 (Huffman), SB 12 (Simitian), AB 457 (Wolk) and AB 458 (Wolk). However, a final deal was not reached in time. Nearly 700 bills were sent to the Governor's desk and the Governor threatened to veto all bills unless a water deal was reached by the deadline for him to take action on bills, October 11. Legislative leaders continued working on the bills and made substantial progress toward a deal. As a result, the Governor decided to take action on the bills sent to his desk and to call a special session on the water measures. The Legislature did meet briefly in special session, sending additional budget bills to the Governor. It is expected that if and when a final deal on the Delta/water bills is reached this fall, the Legislature will be called back into special session to vote on the measures.

Tax Commission on the 21st Century Economy Recommendations:

Governor Schwarzenegger mandated a bipartisan Commission on the 21st Century Economy to re-examine and update California's out-of-date tax laws. The Commission consisted of 14 members, half appointed by the Governor and half appointed by the Legislature. The Commission was charged with recommending changes to the state and local tax structure, resulting in a more stable revenue stream.

The commission released its final report on September 29, 2009, with 9 out of 14 members signing the report. The Governor has indicated he would sign the commission's proposals if they are approved by the Legislature, but the major changes recommended by the Commission appear to be on a slow track as legislators attempt to understand the changes and potential impacts. Information hearings have begun and the Governor has called a special session to take up the proposal. The plan was designed to be revenue-neutral, approved by a majority vote and phased in over a five-year period. A few key items to note:

- Elimination of the state sales tax: The proposal suggests elimination of the state's five percent sales tax (currently 6% until April of 2011). This would be phased in over a five-year period. Local sales taxes would remain, as well as the state sales tax on gas and diesel fuels. According to the League of California Cities, "total state and local sales and use tax collections would fall by over 55 percent. Assuming that Board of Equalization (BOE) administration costs do not change significantly, and assuming these costs would be re-spread to the remaining revenue allocations, BOE administrative charges to local agencies would more than double."
- Introduction of a Business Net Receipts Tax (BNRT): Establishes a new tax, not exceeding 4% that would be applied to the net receipts of businesses. This is designed to tax the value a business adds to its production of products and services in California therefore attempting to approximate the benefits of services and programs utilized by the business.

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Please take the time to review this time-saving new feature.

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A value-added tax is designed to broaden the tax base (as companies providing services would be included in the BNRT), provide more certainty for taxpayers and stabilize tax revenue.

CEQA and Lawsuit Exemption for Stadium in City of Industry

At the end of session in September, a bill was introduced in the special session that was printed, heard in committee and passed by the Assembly all on the second to last day of session. The bill, AB 81 XXX (Hull), exempts the stadium project and the City of Industry's analysis and approval of that project from CEQA and from any legal requirement concerning the content of a general plan or consistency with a general plan. It also applies prospectively and retroactively to any pending litigation. The exemption from CEQA and general plan consistency is extremely broad, applying to the stadium and surrounding development. The bill does require that the stadium and complex comply with mitigation measures contained in existing CEQA documents and local agreements.

There were two pending lawsuits on the project, one from the City of Walnut and one from a local community group. LA County also had concerns with the EIR and mitigation. It was stopped in the Senate after Senate Pro Tem Steinberg asked the parties to sit down and negotiate a deal without legislation. Steinberg however said that if a negotiated settlement could not be reached by the time the special session met in October, he would allow the bill to move forward. The City of Walnut was able to reach an agreement on the project, but the community groups did not. As a result, AB 81 XXX was heard on the Senate floor during special session on October 13, and passed, without any committee hearings, on a vote of 22-14. Members voting for the bill stated that the project would provide much-needed jobs and revenues to the state "in these extraordinary times". The bill is now on the Governor's desk. Negotiations continue with the community groups. APA strongly opposes this precedent-setting legislation.

Regional Targets Planning Committee (RTAC) Report:

The Regional Targets Advisory Committee (RTAC) was charged with providing recommendations to the Air Resources Board (ARB) on factors to be considered and methodologies to be used in the ARB green house gas emission reduction target setting process for cars and light trucks, as required under SB 375. Pete Parkinson, APA California Vice President, Policy and Legislation participated as a member of the committee. The RTAC submitted its recommendations to ARB in a final report on September 29, 2009. The report is now available on the website at <http://www.arb.ca.gov/cc/sb375/rtac/report/report.htm>. 

Regional Transportation Planning Guidelines:

APA California is now also involved in the revisions to the Regional Transportation Planning (RTP) Guidelines, which are being updated to include SB 375 provisions. Although called guidelines, the statute requires that the regional transportation agencies be consistent with the Guidelines in developing their regional transportation plans. The draft RTP Guidelines are anticipated to be available early next year.

CEQA Guidelines Update:

The Natural Resources Agency received recommended amendments to the CEQA Guidelines for greenhouse gas emissions from the Office of Planning and Research on April 13, 2009. On July 3, 2009, the Natural Resources Agency officially started the rulemaking process for certifying and adopting these amendments. Public hearings on the Proposed Guideline Amendments were held in August. The Agency received over 75 comment letters on the proposed amendments. The Natural Resources Agency must certify and adopt the guidelines on or before January 1, 2010. The Guidelines are expected to be finalized early next year.

Here are the results of bills we were watching:

STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS FOR HOUSING ELEMENT CHALLENGES:

AB 602 (Evans) was amended at the end of session to eliminate the statute of limitations for housing element challenges. Sponsored by the housing advocate organizations, it is designed to

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deal with the court's decision in *Urban Habitats v. City of Pleasanton* that existing law provides a 90-day statute of limitations on provisions in 65009 (d). The housing advocates believe that this decision inappropriately limits their ability to challenge housing elements and other housing policies and ordinances that do not otherwise comply with the law or will not comply under the new process in SB 375. Their solutions so far, however, have been to allow an indefinite statute of limitations, which amounts to no statute of limitations at all, or as much as four years to bring action following adoption. The bill was made a two-year bill after negotiations with interested parties did not develop a compromise. This issue is still under discussion and the bill is expected to be moved in January. APA, however, cannot support provisions that open local government up to large judgments or leave cities and counties hanging for years wondering whether or not they will be sued, particularly since the *Pleasanton* case gave those who brought the case the right to proceed with their claim against the City.

SMALL WIND ENERGY SYSTEMS:

AB 45, authored by Assembly Member Blakeslee, restricts local approvals of small wind energy systems in non-urban areas similar to a law that sunsetted last year. As amended, APA removed its opposition. AB 45 was signed by the Governor on October 11, 2009.

CREDIT FOR VOLUNTARY WATER DEMAND MEASURE SAVINGS:

AB 300, authored by Assembly Member Caballero, is sponsored by builders and developers and is designed to ensure that builders who install voluntary water demand measures, receive credit for their savings in connection with water-demand assessments and verifications done during the entitlement process. The bill requires the public water agency to maintain control of the water assessment for new developments and requires the voluntary water demand measures be permanently affixed to the property. APA does not oppose the concept, but ensuring compliance and monitoring that compliance over time remains a core issue. This bill failed to pass this year and is a two-year bill that can move in January.

RESTRICTIONS ON DENIALS OF FARMWORKER HOUSING:

Originally a very expansive measure that would have allowed farmworker housing on any parcel that allowed agricultural use, this measure was substantially amended to remove APA's opposition. AB 494, authored by Assembly Member Caballero, now exempts from the Subdivision Map Act the lease of "agriculturally zoned land" to nonprofit organizations for the purpose of operating an agricultural labor housing project if the property is not more than five acres, and if the lease is for at least 30 years and signed before January 1, 2020. AB 494 was signed by the Governor on October 11, 2009. However, Assembly Member Caballero intends to reintroduce a measure in 2010 that she hopes will deal with local obstacles that restrict the ability to build farmworker housing.

PLANNING AND SUBDIVISION APPROVAL CHANGES IN HIGH FIRE AREAS:

Two measures dealing with high fire areas, both supported by APA after amendments, were vetoed by the Governor. AB 666 (Jones) would have required counties to make findings that new development meets fire service availability, fire design and access requirements before approving maps in a state responsibility area or a very high fire hazard severity zone. SB 505 (Kehoe) would have required changes in the Safety Element of the General Plan to protect the community from fire risk in a State Responsibility Area or within very high hazard severity zones. In vetoing the bills, the Governor said that while he supports strong fire safety standards for new developments, AB 666 would place an increased workload on the State without additional staff or other resources to meet the workload. Without funding to ensure the bill can be implemented, the Governor did not believe the bill would actually help prevent wildfires. The Governor believed SB 505 would have resulted in additional General Fund costs and created significant cost pressures to maintain State Responsibility Areas and fire hazard severity zone maps, as well as add additional costs to local governments.

NOTICE REQUIREMENTS FOR FEES:

AB 1084 (Adams) originally would have made it difficult to increase fees or impose conditions

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Join the APA California Legislative Review Teams

The APA California Legislative Review Teams are once again gearing up to review the new planning-related legislation introduced in 2009. To get more information on the teams, please visit the APA California website, www.apacalifornia.com. If you would like to become a member of the Review Teams, please e-mail me at



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on projects. As amended the bill clarifies notice, adjustment, and audit procedures with regard to a proposed or existing fee. These changes are consistent with existing law and practice. APA was neutral on the bill. AB 1084 was signed into law on October 11, 2009.

SB 375 CLEAN UP:

SB 575 authored by Senator Steinberg is the clean up vehicle for SB 375 and specifies how the new housing element due dates under the new 8-year RHNA process will be implemented and reconciled with local Regional Transportation Plans and SB 375 regional planning requirements. APA supported this measure. SB 575 was signed into law on October 11, 2009.

Planners on the Move



Emily Bacchini

Environmental Science Associates (ESA) is pleased to announce the following additions to their team:

- **Emily Bacchini** has joined the firm's Biological Resources and Land Management Group as Managing Associate in ESA's Central Valley/Sierra Regional office.
- **Bill Boynton** has been promoted to Technical Computing Manager for the firm. Bill will oversee and manage all application development for ESA.



Bill Boynton

Hunsaker & Associates (H&A-LA), is pleased to announce the following:

- **Oscar Aguilar** as Planning Project Manager has more than 14 years of land development design and master planning experience throughout Southern California
- **Jeannine Giem** and **Jason Fukumitsu** obtained Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Accredited Professional (LEED-AP) accreditations. Ms. Giem has also acquired certification by the American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP).
- The County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works, Land Development Division has published 'private drives' standards and criteria drafted by **Jason Fukumitsu, P.E.** Principal of Hunsaker & Associates-LA (H&A-LA). These procedures encompass the concepts of smart growth and livable communities, land planning principles, aesthetics and water quality while balancing traffic flow, pedestrian safety, and maintaining access for emergency vehicles. The County has approved the standards for use in development projects throughout the County. The private drives "manual" includes design guidelines outlining the following: design speed; sight distance; horizontal geometry; vertical design; signing, striping and lighting; as well as implementation strategies.



Jeannine Giem

Mead & Hunt, is pleased to announce the following new team members.

- **Colin Hanley, E.I.T.**, Civil Engineer in the Water Resources Group
- **Dave Cockrum, P.E.**, Structural Engineer, Architecture and Building Engineering Group
- **Greg Barry, P.E.**, Senior Project Manager on the Water Resources Team
- **Scott Kroeger, P.E.**, Transportation Engineer
- **Shawn Montieth**, Structural CAD Technician, Water Resources Team
- **Nick Hathaway, E.I.T.**, Civil Engineer, Water Resources Team
- **Justin Zampardi, P.E., LEED AP**, Civil Design Auto CAD Manager, Information Technology Department
- **Eric Love, P.E.**, Senior Project Engineer, Water Resources Group
- **Wayne Goldberg, AICP**, has left the City of Santa Rosa after 26 years as the director of advanced planning and community development. He served earlier as planning director for the cities of Simi Valley and Arcata. Wayne was recognized in 2008 as Planner of the Year by the Northern Section of APA California. He was also honored with an award from the Planning Emeritus Network. Wayne is a longtime member of the California Planning Roundtable and plans to continue lecturing in planning at Sonoma State University and through the UC extension programs.



Jason Fukumitsu

Commissioner's Corner

By Mike Notestine

Never Too Late to Learn



As long as I have been doing this "Commissioner stuff" I find that I am still learning – too bad most of what I am learning is while sitting behind the dais.

Over the last couple of months the Sacramento Valley Section has been working with Janet Ruggiero and the Sacramento Council of Governments to develop a Commissioners training program. We took the program on-the-road in late October. Emphasis on "on-the-road"; the Section covers an area from Stockton to the Oregon boarder sans the north coast. The sessions have been planned in the Sacramento area - West Sacramento, Folsom and/or Roseville - as well as in the north state - Redding, Red Bluff and/or Chico.

The sessions have been planned for a maximum of three hours, with adequate time for questions and answers. The last 15 minutes will be dedicated to providing opportunity for Commis-

sioners to exchange broader ideas not necessarily related to the day's workshop. The open session will inform and allow us to refine subsequent training.

There will be ten separate training sessions (two each) over a six month period. The topics include:

Basic Overview for Commissioners

Provide Basic Planning 101 to Commissioners including roles & responsibilities, California planning law, subdivision map act, public hearing process, regional planning role and other planning related laws and processes.

Mobility for Commissioners

How do you move residents of your community utilizing all forms of transportation? How do you deemphasize auto movements? Where do you plan bicycle paths? You have a level of service for autos but what happens to bicycles and pedestrians? How to you prepare a complete street program in your general plan? What is the best method for analyzing mobility in a plan, a project? How do you read a traffic report?

Sustainable Community Design for Commissioners

Learn the basics of good community design including a discussion of urban design tools available to you. Understand why infill development is important and how to insure the development of viable and successful infill projects. Housing is still vital to the overall sustainability of the community, you can make it happen - learn tools to provide for housing projects that satisfy the needs of your community and are sustainable. Learn more about transit oriented development to increase housing supply in relationship to transit usage. How to prepare your General Plan to provide for good Sustainable Community Design?

Environmental Issues

What is California Environmental Quality Act? How do I read an EIR as a Commissioner? What should I be looking for? What does mitigation mean for the project and what should I be cognizant of when reviewing mitigation measures and conditions of approval? How do AB32 and SB375 affect me as a Planning Commissioner? What is my role regarding these two bills? What is the impact of the Climate Action Plan on planning in my jurisdiction?

Communications

This workshop is an opportunity to discuss internal and external communications by Commissioners. It will address the types of public participation tools currently available. How do you communicate with the press? Internally how do you communicate with the City Council, the staff and your fellow commissioners? Are there secrets to working with the public to produce a satisfactory outcome? Tools will be provided on how to conduct an effective public hearing without negotiating from the dais.

Other Sections are also providing Commissioner training, each with a different structure and content. In future editions of Commissioner Corner I will summarize those programs, in the mean time contact your Section Chair to find what's going on in your area.

Special thanks to Janet Ruggiero for organizing the effort and developing the content for the sessions.

APA California Creates Facebook Group for Members

By joining, members will have another avenue to receive and share with like minded friends' up-to-date information regarding the Association and to network with each other.



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