



2014 San Joaquin Valley Blueprint Awards

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San Joaquin Valley Regional Policy Council
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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 San Joaquin Valley Blueprint by recognizing outstanding achievements and practices in the built environment. This awards program is intended to recognize and celebrate projects that reflect the Blueprint Smart Growth Principles. In doing so, we hope to provide visual examples of attractive, functional and environmentally friendly projects that could have relevance throughout the Valley.

Awards will be presented by the Regional Policy Council at the Fall Policy Conference luncheon on October 3, 2014, at the Visalia Convention Center

II. AWARD CATEGORIES

Nominations are open to candidate projects and individuals in all jurisdictions within the San Joaquin Valley (counties of Kern, Kings, Tulare, Fresno, Madera, Merced, Stanislaus and San Joaquin). Previous Blueprint Award recipients are not eligible.

A. Sustainable Development Projects

On the ground, existing examples of projects that exemplify the Blueprint Principles.

1. **Residential Development Project** (built within the past 5 years)
2. **Commercial Development Project** (built within the past 5 years)
3. **Mixed Use Project** (built within the past 5 years)
4. **Downtown Revitalization Project** (built within the past 5 years)
5. **Historic District that exemplifies Blueprint Smart Growth Principles**

B. Darrel Hildebrand Blueprint Leadership Award

This award is in memory of the former Blueprint project manager from Kern COG who was thoroughly engaged in the planning process. The fruits of his labor are still with us today as we move the Blueprint from the planning to the implementation phase. Darrel is remembered for his attention to detail and his insistence that the planning principles were the centerpiece of the San Joaquin Valley Blueprint Planning Process.

III. CRITERIA

A. Sustainable Development Projects

How does the 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 of 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

B. Darrel Hildebrand Blueprint Leadership Award

Candidates for the Darrel Hildebrand Blueprint Leadership Award have demonstrated enthusiasm and tenacity in promoting the Blueprint principles.

IV. NOMINATION SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS

The following materials are required for each nomination:

Eight CD/DVDs of the complete nomination package. One CD/DVD must be labeled Master Copy. All eight CD/DVDs must be labeled with the appropriate award category for the nomination. The nomination package includes the following. Please create a separate folder on the CD/DVD for each of the following five items:

NOMINATION FORM: The completed Blueprint Awards Nomination Form

SUMMARY DESCRIPTION: One page summary of the nominated award candidate

AWARD CRITERIA: One to two page explanation of how the candidate specifically reflects the criteria listed in item III above.

LETTER(S) OF SUPPORT: At least one (1) but no more than five (5) one-page letter of support for the nominated candidate from someone familiar with the candidate, but other than the nominator and/or staff/consultant.

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 description identifying each image.

Do not submit paper copies of any materials .

All submissions must be received by the deadline (12:00 Noon on August, 20, 2014) and strictly follow the requirements outlined above and on the Blueprint Awards Nomination Form.

Incomplete submissions received before the deadline may be returned and resubmitted before the deadline at the discretion of the Community and Regional Planning Center Director.

Only one submission per award category or subcategory.

V. AWARDS SELECTION PROCESS & SCHEDULE

A jury of six members shall be appointed to judge the entries. The decision of the majority of the jury shall be final. The jury is comprised of one representative from each of the following partner organizations:

- Regional Policy Council
- COG Directors
- APA – Central Section
- Community and Regional Planning Center, Fresno State
- Urban and Regional Transformation Cohort, Fresno State
- At Large (community member)

Schedule:

- Begin call for nominations – June 30, 2014
- Nomination deadline – August 20, 2014
- Judging completed by September 12, 2014
- Announcement of awards – September 17, 2014
- Fall Policy Conference Blueprint Awards luncheon – October 3, 2014 at the Visalia Convention Center

VI. SUBMITTALS

Nominations must be **received** by 12:00 Noon on Wednesday, August 20, 2014.

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VII. NUMBER OF AWARDS

Only one first-place award will be selected 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.

VIII. HONORING THE AWARD RECIPIENTS

Award recipients will be honored during an awards ceremony luncheon at the annual Fall Policy Conference on October 3, 2014 at the Visalia Convention Center in Visalia (Tulare County). Each award recipient will be provided with one awards luncheon ticket at no cost.

