



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

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TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Michael E. Brown, County Executive Officer
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SUBJECT: American Public Works Association (APWA) Awards

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors accept three 2010 American Public Works Association (APWA) Awards including "Project of the Year" for the Jesusita Emergency Response Project.

Summary Text:

For the past nine years, the Central Coast Chapter of the APWA has recognized a "Project of the Year" and various other projects based upon category type and project cost. Of the total 15 possible awards, the Santa Barbara County Flood Control District won three awards, including the coveted APWA "Project of the Year" Award. The "Project of the Year" criteria included creativity, engineering excellence, all around demonstration of public works attributes and overall benefit to the public.

The awards were bestowed as follows:

1. **Environmental Project less than \$2 Million Award:**

Railroad Box Culvert Installation Phase of the Lower Mission Creek Flood Control and Restoration Project: This project included the installation of a massive storm drain box culvert under the Union Pacific Railroad at the Santa Barbara Train Depot. This project included design, utility relocation and a construction window of 60 hours.

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2. **Disaster Repair Project between \$2 Million - \$10 Million Award:**

Jesusita Emergency Response Project: This project included planning and delivery of an integrated Fire Response Effort as a result to the recent Jesusita Fire emergency. Work included debris basin restructuring and cleanout, construction of debris racks, debris clearing and removal from several County creeks, a month-long aerial hydro-mulch application that treated moderately and severely burned hillsides, public outreach and ongoing response throughout the winter.

3. **2010 Project of the Year Award:**

Jesusita Emergency Response Project: This project included planning and delivery of an integrated Fire Response Effort as a result to the recent Jesusita Fire emergency. Work included debris basin restructuring and cleanout, construction of debris racks, debris clearing and removal from several County creeks, a month-long aerial hydro-mulch application that treated moderately and severely burned hillsides, public outreach and ongoing response throughout the winter.

Background:

The APWA Public Works Project of the Year Award was established to promote excellence in the management and administration of public works projects. The awards recognize the alliance between the managing agency, the contractor and architect/engineer/consultant that, working together, complete public works projects.

Awards are given in four divisions: (1) Projects less than \$5 Million; (2) Projects of \$5 Million, but less than \$25 Million; (3) Projects of \$25 Million to \$75 Million and (4) Projects greater than \$75 Million. Awards are also based upon five categories: (1) Structures - public structure preservation/rehabilitation, municipal buildings, parks, etc; (2) Transportation- roads, bridges, mass transit, etc.; (3) Environment – treatment and recycling facilities, landfill reclamation projects, sewer projects, etc.; (4) Historical Restoration/Preservation- historical restoration, preservation and adaptive reuse of existing buildings and structures and facilities, etc. and (5) Disaster or Emergency Construction/Repair-techniques and timing for safety, community relations, environmental protection, adverse conditions and additional considerations.

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