

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

We came, we saw, we CONQUERED! Yes -- last week's 2017 IES-APA Awards was a total success. Before this Webmaster gets all sappy about having to wait another year until it all happens again, we've got so much more to enjoy this year! But if you want to relive the memories from the awards program, please visit the [**Awards 2017 Gallery**](#) on our website. Along with the planned upcoming workshops we have up our sleeves, we are working to revive our Young Planners Group and hopefully get enough traction for a possible Mentorship Program. With the continuous efforts of our Board, we'll do our best to provide our Section with great activities, events, and content.



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Inland Empire Section



DIRECTOR'S REPORT



On behalf of the IES-APA Board, thank you to all our members for a fantastic awards program! I have served on this Section for 10 years and this year we received the most award nominations (28) and had the most registrations (138 + walk-ins). Furthermore, your contributions towards the purchase of raffle tickets resulted in almost \$600.00 in revenue. Coupled with the Section's match, we are donating \$1,100.00 to the California Planning Foundation (CPF) for their scholarship fund program.

The program itself was put together by our tireless Board members. I'd like to personally thank each one of them for their tremendous efforts and dedication to this Section, as well as the Planning profession.



Last, but certainly not least is our sponsors. Your support of this Section enables us to put on great workshops and events throughout year. I'd like to again recognize the public and private agencies who have sponsored us this year - Public Agency: City of Riverside, County of Riverside, City of Ontario, National Core, and WRCOG. Private Agency (Bronze Level): KTU+A. Private Agency (Silver Level): Michael Baker, MIG, Placeworks, and Raimi+Associates. Private Agency (Gold Level): Rick Engineering.

Also, as a reminder to the Category winners, the Chapter's nomination period closes on Wednesday, May 1st. Get those applications in and let's have a great Inland Empire showing at the Chapter conference in September.

***John Hildebrand
IES-APA Section Director***

ANNOUNCEMENTS

2017 IES-APA AWARDS WRAP-UP



Although the awards program is done and over with for this year, there's still so much follow up and we thought we would help you all out with it. There's been inquiries about additional/duplicate awards and we wanted to let you know that we've tried to make that process as easy as possible. We actually arranged for you to be able to order your award directly from the shop which made them. In addition, the photos are up and posted on the website! Go to the [Awards 2017 Gallery](#) to see your lovely faces. Please note that the photos are compressed and any requests for the full size photos can be directed to the admin@ies-apa.org email and we can surely assist on getting those out to you!

The process is outlined below:

1. Contact Awards & Specialties at (951) 351-1188
 2. Tell them you would like to order a duplicate IES-APA
 - Merit Award
 - Category Winner
 - For, "Name of winning person/organization/project" (what the award says)
 3. Awards & Specialties will provide an invoice
 4. You just pay for them separately and they can arrange shipping, etc. as you need.
 5. If you have any trouble, contact Andrea Howard at (951) 955-8515 or howard@wrcog.cog.ca.us
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2017 STATE CHAPTER AWARDS PROGRAM NOMINATIONS ARE BEING ACCEPTED - DEADLINE MAY 31 @ NOON!

Now is the time to submit your nominations for the 2017 APA California Award Program. Nominations are due by noon on Wednesday, May 31st, 2017!

The APA California Award Program encourages quality in planning and increases the public's awareness of the planning profession by recognizing outstanding achievements in the planning field. Each year, the APA California Chapter bestows Planning Awards to honor the most outstanding efforts in planning. Many planning efforts recognized at the Section level are submitted for nomination to the State Chapter for recognition.



Information on the Awards Program can be found at:
<https://www.apacalifornia.org/events/awards-program/>

HUERTA DEL VALLE COMMUNITY GARDEN - ONTARIO, CA 2017 NATIONAL PLANNING ACHIEVEMENT AWARD FOR GRASSROOTS INITIATIVE - GOLD



The land-use agreement between Pitzer College and the City of Ontario, California, allowed the community to repurpose vacant land into an equitable and sustainable community garden. Photo courtesy Huerta del Valle Community Garden.

As winner of the 2016 IES-APA Grassroots Initiative Award -- the cooperative effort between the community and several local agencies -- the **Huerta del Valle Community Garden in Ontario, California**, was developed to provide residents with access to fresh organic produce. The small, predominantly Hispanic neighborhood had limited access to healthy food sources and few residents participated in local government until the community garden project was introduced.

Local residents were involved in the entire planning process - from selecting designs, presenting the project to the city's planning department, and clearing and plotting the land to maintaining the garden. The garden opened in September 2013 and features 68 family plots and 2.5 acres of agricultural land that produces 6,000 pounds of food annually.

In 2015, Huerta del Valle Community Garden became a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, proving that empowered residents can make a long-term impact within their community. The garden is a model that many other communities can readily adapt.

We are proud of the impact that the Huerta del Valle Community Garden has made for the Inland Empire area and are honored that they have been recognized on a national level. Make sure to submit your project to the CA State Chapter Awards and maybe this time next year, your project will be featured here! For more information on all the Achievement Awards presented at the APA National Planning Conference in New York, please visit:

<https://www.planning.org/awards/2017/achievement/>

EVENTS

JOINT IES-APA || AEP MAY WORKSHOP - MAY 25



OVERVIEW

CV Link is a revolutionary new concept in transportation. Led by the Coachella Valley Association of Governments, CV Link is the first of its kind to incorporate pedestrians, bicyclists, and low speed-electric vehicles in one project on such a large scale. CV Link will initially serve six Coachella Valley cities and the lands of three federally recognized tribes with an alternate transportation route to the busiest corridor in the Coachella Valley: Highway 111. Eventually the project will connect the entire Coachella Valley, from Desert Hot Springs to the Salton Sea. <http://www.coachellavalleylink.com/>

SPEAKER

LeGrand Velez, Transportation Program Manager, CVAG

LeGrand Velez is a Transportation Program Manager for the Coachella Valley Association of Governments, and project manager for the CV Link Project. Before joining CVAG, Mr. Velez worked for LSA Associates as an environmental consultant, ran a non-profit advocacy organization (the Coachella Valley Community Trails Alliance), and worked for county and city governments in Maryland, Washington State, and Arizona. Mr. Velez has a bachelor's degree in economics from Georgetown University, and a master's degree in Natural Resource Management from Northern Arizona University.

EVENT FLYER: [05-25-17 Joint AEP-APA May 2017 Workshop](#)

[Register Here](#)

CA APA CONFERENCE 2017: SACRAMENTO - SEPT 23-26



The [**2017 Chapter APA Conference**](#) will be held in Sacramento, September 23 - 26. Connect with the 2017 APA California Conference! The Sacramento Valley Section conference host committee has been busy behind the scenes getting things ready for planners from all over California to come to Sacramento in September. To keep up with what is going on for the conference, please connect on social media and utilize the hashtag #APACA2017



OPPORTUNITIES / TRAINING

INFINITE EARTH RADIO PODCAST

Topic:

Incorporating Public Health Considerations in the Local Government Planning Process

In an effort to provide discussion to incorporate public health considerations in the local government planning process, co-host Paul Zykovsky of the Local Government Commission (LGC) sits down with Erik Calloway of ChangeLab Solutions and [IES-APA Board Member] Miguel Vasquez of the Riverside University Health System-Public Health (RUHS-PH). You can hear more about the conversation on the Infinite Earth Radio podcast: <http://infiniteearthacademy.com/podcast/charting-the-national-healthy-communities-platform/>

PLANNERS4HEALTH SIX PART CURRICULUM

PLAN4Health

An American Planning Association Project

WEBINAR: A cornerstone of Planners4Health is a six-part curriculum series guiding members through each step of the project. Five of six sessions will be offered via webinar for CM credit. Anyone is welcome to attend the online sessions. More info here: <https://www.planning.org/nationalcenters/health/planners4health/>

Dates: April 12, June 14, July 12

UC BERKELEY TRAINING SERIES

UC Berkeley Tech Transfer is the California transportation community's source for professional training, expert assistance, and information resources. For the academic year

2016-2017, Tech Transfer is expanding our Multimodal Transportation training series. All courses have approved AICP CM credits. Most of the courses will be online, however several courses will be held within the IE.

- [TE-53 VMT Metrics Application & Analysis for SB 743 Compliance](#)
Location: Embassy Suites by Hilton Ontario Airport (Ontario, CA)

Please see the full schedule here: <http://www.techtransfer.berkeley.edu/training>.

For more information, please contact courses@techtransfer.berkeley.edu.

RIVERSIDE COUNTY HEALTH COALITION: CHIP WORKGROUP MEETINGS



As a valued member of one of our Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) workgroups, the Riverside County Health Coalition is inviting you to participate in their second CHIP workgroup meeting of 2017. During the month of June different Web-Ex meetings will take place for each workgroup. The following dates and times were selected based on the feedback we received from the Doodle polls:

- [Priority Area 1: Creating Healthy Communities | Tuesday June 13, 2017, 2:00PM-3:30PM](#)
 - Meeting Number: 749 752 965 | Meeting Password: 93DEKpxx
- [Priority Area 2: Promoting Healthy Behaviors | Tuesday June 13, 2017, 10:00AM-11:30AM](#)
 - Meeting Number: 746 073 921 | Meeting Password: pkDe7pTU
- [Priority Area 3: Connecting and Investing in People | Thursday June 29, 2017, 10:00AM-11:30AM](#)
 - Meeting Number: 747 430 913 | Meeting Password: kx24P4yH
- [Priority Area 4: Increasing Access to Care | Thursday June 22, 2017 from 2:00PM-3:30PM](#)
 - Meeting Number: 742 522 220 | Meeting Password: ZmnuH3hh

The meeting materials will be sent out at a later date. Please use the above links to RSVP and access Web-Ex login information.

RESOURCES

CM CREDITS

Earn CM credits while viewing video recordings from recent APA California conference sessions. Receive all information from the live session. No need to download PowerPoints. View anytime on your smartphone, tablet, or computer. Sessions from the 2016 Pasadena Conference and additional 2015 Oakland Conference are now available here at:

For questions, please contact **Francine Farrell** at ategoresources@live.com or **Greg Konar** at gregok@cox.net.

[**CM Credits**](#)

JOBS / RFPs / RFQs

The Inland Empire Section of the American Planning Association (IES-APA) provides listings for planning and planning related jobs. If you are interested in listing your job, please visit the [**Sponsorships**](#) page (scroll down to the bottom) for more information. In addition, as a courtesy to our members - RFPs/RFQs may be submitted and posted on the IES-APA website free of charge. Please email us at admin@ies-apa.org for more information regarding RFPs/RFQs postings.

Jobs / RFPs & RFQs

JOBS

- Senior / Associate / Assistant Planners with Civic Solutions
 - Senior / Associate / Assistant Planners with MIG
 - Safe Routes to School Planning and Programs Specialist with Alta Planning + Design
 - Tribal Assistant Planner with Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians
 - Assistant / Associate Planner with City of Buena Park
 - Senior Project Manager / Associate Principal Planning and Urban Design with Raimi + Associates
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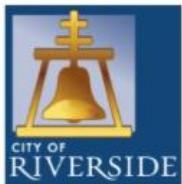
RFPs / RFQs

- None
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