



2008 AWARDS EVENT

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS



AWARD CATEGORIES/CRITERIA

Outstanding Contribution to the Environmental Profession

This award is given to an individual for unique achievements in the environmental profession. Recipients need not be members of AEP. The award can recognize lifetime achievements of excellence in the environmental profession, and individual accomplishments in a specific environmental field or on a particular issue or topic.

Outstanding Community Stewardship Award

This award is given to a firm that has displayed outstanding achievement in community outreach and empowerment over the past year. This award recognizes the firm that has identified social and/or environmental needs in its community, and on a firm-level, has addressed these needs through participation in charitable community events, sponsorship and giving to NGO, and/or dedication of time, talent, and man-power to pro-bono work.

Outstanding Technical Project or Approach

This award is given to an agency and/or firm that published an outstanding technical report/survey or utilized a unique technical approach in 2007 or 2008. The primary authors of the document must be based in San Diego or Imperial Counties; however the subject area of the report/survey may include San Diego, Imperial, Orange, or Riverside Counties. Submitted reports may focus on, but are not limited to, the following issues: Agriculture; Air Quality; Biology; Climate Change; Cultural Resources; Geology; Hydrology; Hazardous Materials; Noise; Water Quality; and Traffic. Technical approaches include use of GIS, modeling, or other GIS-based analysis. Reports must be in a "Final" version to be considered for this award. The report/survey will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

- ***Clarity of Organization and Writing*** - Logic and comprehension;
- ***Technical Difficulty*** - Complexity of issues analyzed and the ability to synthesize the information into the report or survey;
- ***Originality*** - Unique approach to analysis and data presentation, including use of GIS; and
- ***Regulatory Adequacy*** - Comprehensive identification of and response to applicable regulations.

Outstanding Environmental Analysis Document

This award is given to an agency and/or firm that published an outstanding environmental analysis or assessment document in 2007 or 2008 including, but not limited to, the following types of documents: EIR; EIS; EA; MND, ND or Initial Study. Draft, Final, Supplemental, Subsequent, Addendum, and Program versions of such documents may be considered appropriate for this award category. The Awards Committee will consider other types of documents suitable for this award, if determined to be appropriate. The primary authors of the document must be based in San Diego or Imperial Counties; however, the subject area of the report may include San Diego, Imperial, Orange, or Riverside Counties. All documents submitted must be accompanied with a letter from the lead agency providing concurrence for the nomination. The documents will be evaluated on the basis of the following criteria:

- ***Clarity of Organization*** – Logic and comprehension;
- ***Clarity of Writing*** – Readable by the public, decision-makers, and professionals alike;
- ***Economy of Language*** – Concise, direct, and to the point;
- ***Completeness*** – Adequate, reliable, and thorough presentation of documentation and data;
- ***Adequacy of Summary*** – Concise and salient;
- ***Originality*** – Unique approach to analysis and data presentation; and
- ***Legal Adequacy*** – Substantial conformance to the CEQA Guidelines and the most current case law.

Outstanding Environmental Solution

This award is given to an agency and/or firm for a project designed or constructed in 2007 or 2008 that utilized unique and/or technically advanced design and construction solutions to reduce or avoid adverse environmental effects. The primary authors of the document must be based in San Diego or Imperial Counties; however, the subject area of for this category may include San Diego, Imperial, Orange, or Riverside Counties. The projects may include development, municipal, or public works projects. The projects will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

- ***Unique Solution*** – Utilizes an approach that is novel, exceptional, or specific to the resource to substantially avoid project impact(s);
- ***Technically Advanced*** – The design solution integrates features or construction methods that require advanced technical methods or add technical difficulty to project implementation to substantially avoid or minimize environmental effects; and
- ***Avoidance*** – Projects that integrate and maximize avoidance of environmental impacts, rather than providing compensatory measures (e.g. revegetation, transplantation, habitat restoration) to offset project impacts.

Outstanding Environmental Resource Document

This award is given to an agency and/or firm that published an outstanding environmental resource document in 2007 or 2008. The primary authors of the document must be based in San Diego or Imperial Counties; however, the subject area of the document may include San Diego, Imperial, Orange or Riverside Counties. The award is for environmental documents that have a broad application or can serve as a resource for a wide range of environmental professionals, as distinguished from an impact analysis or assessment document which addresses specific projects or programs. Appropriate documents for consideration in this award category may include, but are not limited to: Resource Management Plans; Mitigation Monitoring Programs; Manuals for Preparing Environmental Impact Reports; Significance Threshold Guidelines; or Other Non-Impact Analysis/Assessment Studies and Reports. The documents will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

- ***Creativity and Innovation*** – Originality of methodology, format, or approach to an issue;
- ***Applicability*** – Ability to adapt methodology or apply information to different situations;
- ***Clarity*** – “User friendly” presentation of methodology and technical information, with direct and concise language appropriate for the audience; and
- ***Methodology*** – Sound and well-substantiated approach and/or analysis to the presentation of data and conclusions.

NOMINATIONS

Individuals, firms, or agencies can submit nominations for themselves or for others for projects/persons located in San Diego, Imperial, Orange, or Riverside County. Individuals and firms are limited to one nomination per category. The awards jury will review the nominations and announce up to three finalists for consideration to receive each award for technical project/approach, environmental analysis document, environmental solution and environmental resource document. The recipient of the *Outstanding Community Stewardship Award* and the recipient of the *Outstanding Contribution to the Environmental Profession* award will also be informed prior to the event. All other winners will be kept confidential until announced at the event. Final details regarding awards presentation and format will be provided to the finalists.

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Five copies of all nominations, including letters, documents, supporting materials, endorsements, and summaries must be received by **June 25, 2008**. Submitted material will not be returned unless special arrangements are made in advance. *Digital submittals in PDF or Word format on CD are preferred, but not required.* All finalists will be informed of their status by September 11, 2008. The winners will be announced at the 2008 AEP Awards event to be held on September 25, 2008 at the San Diego Natural History Museum.