



# American Planning Association

## California Chapter - Central Section

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## Local Planning Agency and Partnering Firms Recognized for Outstanding Achievements

### American Planning Association, California Chapter Central Section Recognizes the 2023 Planning Award Winners

Twelve public agencies and their private firm consultant partners have been recognized for outstanding achievement in land use planning and best practices. The California Chapter Central Section of the American Planning Association has made the following awards:

- **Excellence and Achievement in Planning - Best Practices Award of Excellence:** to Stanislaus County and Interwest Consulting Group for the Stanislaus County Urban Pockets Study
- **Excellence and Achievement in Planning - Comprehensive Planning Award of Excellence (Small Jurisdiction):** to the City of Bishop, Alta Planning + Design, Inc., and Helix Environmental Planning for The Downtown Bishop Specific Plan & Mixed-Use Overlay
- **Excellence and Achievement in Planning - Economic Planning and Development Award of Excellence:** to the City of Taft and RICK Planning + Design for the Downtown Taft Specific Plan and Zoning Ordinance Update
- **Excellence and Achievement in Planning - Innovation in Resilience and Sustainability Award of Excellence:** Mariposa County for the Merced River Trail Vision Plan
- **Excellence and Achievement in Planning - Public Outreach Award of Excellence:** to the City of Fresno, CityThinkers, ENP, and Jackson CDC for the Kings Canyon TOD Study Zines
- **Excellence and Achievement in Planning - Transportation Planning Award of Excellence:** to the Fresno Council of Governments for the 2022 Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS)
- **Leadership and Service - Emerging Planning and Design Firm Award of Excellence:** to Interwest Consulting Group, Inc.
- **Central Section Activity Award of Excellence:** to the City of Mammoth Lakes and the Central Section of CA APA for the Mammoth Lakes Field Trip
- **Excellence and Achievement in Planning - Comprehensive Planning Award of Merit (Small Jurisdiction):** to the City of Madera, Fagundes Dairies and Farms/Links Ranch, and Precision Civil Engineering for the Villages at Almond Grove
- **Excellence and Achievement in Planning - Innovation in Resilience and Sustainability Award of Merit:** to the Fresno Council of Governments and LSA for the Fresno COG SB 743 Implementation Regional Guidelines
- **Excellence and Achievement in Planning - Best Practices Award of Merit:** to the Fresno Council of Governments, Valley REAP, and Sigala Inc. for the San Joaquin Valley Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) Valleywide Planning Program
- **Excellence and Achievement in Planning - Innovation in Resilience and Sustainability Award of Merit:** to Tuolumne County, Ascent, and Kearns & West for the Tuolumne County Climate Action Plan

The American Planning Association, California Central Section Awards program encourages quality and innovation in land use planning and increases public awareness of the planning profession through the recognition of outstanding achievements and individuals in the planning field. The eleven county Central Section of the American Planning Association California Chapter is comprised of Fresno, Inyo, Kern, Kings, Madera, Mariposa, Merced, Mono, Stanislaus, Tulare and Tuolumne Counties.

The American Planning Association, or APA, is the national organization that sets performance standards for city, state and regional land use planning professionals through its educational programs. The APA provides leadership in the development of vital communities by advocating excellence in community planning, promoting education and citizen empowerment, and provides the tools and support necessary to effect positive change.

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