



## American Planning Association California Chapter - Central Section 2026 Planning Awards

**Seeking Award Nominations and Jurors!  
Due Date for Both: Monday, March 16, 2026**

### **CALL FOR AWARD JURORS**

We are looking for enthusiastic and energetic individuals willing to dedicate time to our profession by serving on the 2026 Central Section APA California Chapter Awards Jury. As a Juror, you will review and evaluate some of the finest planning work within the Central Section and then confer with other jury members to determine awards. The jury will hold a remote meeting between April 6 and April 10, 2026. **If you would like to be considered as a juror, please contact Christine Chavez, Central Section Awards Coordinator, at [awards@cencalapa.org](mailto:awards@cencalapa.org) or complete this Google form ([Juror Interest](#)) by Monday, March 16, 2026.**

### **CALL FOR PLANNING AWARD NOMINATIONS**

We are looking for outstanding planning projects, activities, and individuals to be nominated for the 2026 APACA Central Section Planning Awards. There are nineteen (19) different award titles, including fifteen (15) categories that correspond with APA California's Awards, and four (4) categories that correspond with APA National Awards.

The purpose of our Section Awards Program is to encourage quality and innovation in the planning profession, recognizing outstanding achievement in our section's geographic boundaries. The Central Section is comprised of Fresno, Inyo, Kern, Kings, Madera, Mariposa, Merced, Mono, Stanislaus, Tulare, and Tuolumne Counties.

Several award categories need to win an "Excellence" or "First Place" award at the Local Section to qualify for a California Chapter Award. There are also many other award categories that do not need to win a Section award to qualify for a Chapter award. We encourage you to submit a nomination in any of the award categories to the Central Section before submittal to the State Chapter.

**Application and submittal requirements will be available** on the CenCal APA website ([cencalapa.org/awards](http://cencalapa.org/awards)) **no later than February 13, 2026.** Applications for California Chapter nominations will be available at [www.apacalifornia.org](http://www.apacalifornia.org) this spring.

Central Section Award nominations are due **Monday, March 16, 2026. No extensions will be granted.**  
Central Section Award Winners will be announced by **Wednesday, April 15, 2026.**  
California Chapter Award nominations are typically due in **mid-May of each year.**  
National Planning Award nominations typically open in **mid-June of each year.**

All submissions shall be digitally submitted to Christine Chavez, Central Section Awards Coordinator at [awards@cencalapa.org](mailto:awards@cencalapa.org).