



American Planning Association California Chapter Central Section

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Local Planning Agencies Recognized for Outstanding Achievements

American Planning Association, California Chapter Central Section 2014 Planning Awards recognize the City of Sonora, the City of Hanford, the City of Newman and the City of Delano

Four public agencies, and their consultation 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:

- **Outstanding Planning Award – Urban Design:** To the City of Sonora and RBF Consulting for “*Vision Sonora*”
- **Planning Award of Merit – Comprehensive Planning: Small Jurisdiction:** To the City of Hanford and Quad Knopf, Inc. for the “*Hanford Downtown East Precise Plan*”
- **Outstanding Planning Award – Transportation Planning:** To the City of Newman and PlaceWorks for the “*Newman Non-Motorized Transportation Plan*”
- **Outstanding Planning Award – Innovation in Green Community Planning:** To the City of Delano and Raimi + Associates for the “*Delano Health and Sustainability Element*”

The American Planning Association, California Central Section Awards program encourages quality and innovativeness 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.

“Without employing good planning principles, local development could lead to urban blight, unmanaged sprawl, and less than desirable aesthetics,” explains Central Section Director, Ralph Kachadourian.

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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