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Local Planning Agencies Recognized for Outstanding Achievements

American Planning Association, California Chapter Central Section 2017 Planning Awards recognize the Cities of Clovis, Kingsburg, Modesto, Sanger and Fresno and Madera Counties

Three 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 – Best Practices:** To the City of Firebaugh for the “Firebaugh Zoning Ordinance”

- **Outstanding Planning Award – Public Outreach:** To The City of Merced for the “Merced Zoning Ordinance”

- **Outstanding Planning Award – Planning Project (Section Only):** To the City of Clovis and Innovative Development & Living Solutions of California for the “Magnolia Crossing Project”

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.

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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