



## 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 2015 Planning Awards recognize the City of Merced, Mono County and Inyo County

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 – Comprehensive Planning: Small Jurisdiction:** To the City of Merced; Lisa Wise Consulting, Inc.; Sargent Town Planning; Tony Perez Associates; Nelson Nygaard; and Economic & Planning Systems, Inc. for the “*Bellevue Community Plan*”
- **Outstanding Planning Award – Innovation in Green Community Planning:** To Mono County and Pacific Municipal Consultants (PMC) for the “*Mono County Resource Efficiency Plan*”
- **Planning Award of Merit – Innovation in Green Community Planning:** To Inyo County and HELIX Environmental Planning, Inc. for the “*Inyo County Renewable Energy General Plan Amendment*”

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.

Central Section Director Ben Kimball expressed his feelings in regards to this year’s recipients when he stated, “Central California is the new frontier of our great State. Congratulations to this year’s award winners who are on the forefront of planning, and are providing an example that should be emulated by local agencies throughout California.”

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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