



Government Relations & Public Affairs Committee

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Information

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SACOG Salutes! Nominations Open

Issue: Nominations for SACOG *Salutes!* are now open and will close October 23.

Recommendation: None, this item is for information only.

Discussion: SACOG *Salutes!* began in 1999 in an effort to recognize projects throughout the region in a variety of categories with different criteria.

The SACOG *Salutes!* nomination period opened on September 14 for honors in the following award categories: Bill Hughes Elected Official, Blueprint Excellence, Agency/Organization of the Year, Project of the Year, Business of the Year, Citizen of the Year, Employee of the year, and Mary Brill Youth Excellence. Nominations must be submitted online through the SACOG website at www.sacog.org. Supplemental material such as maps, diagrams, photos or letters of support may be provided via the website, U.S. mail, fax or hand delivery to the SACOG offices. The nomination period will end on October 23.

The SACOG *Salutes!* jury panel will be comprised of local experts in the fields of transportation, land use and air quality and SACOG directors. The jury will meet the second week in November to review all nominees and make recommendations to the SACOG board chair and executive director.

The SACOG *Salutes!* awards will be presented on Thursday, December 17 during the regular SACOG Board meeting. A breakfast reception will be held at 8:00 a.m. prior to the board meeting for award winners and their nominators. Board members are invited to attend.

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Nominations to Open for *SACOG Salutes!* on September 14

Since 1999, SACOG has recognized outstanding and innovative land use, transportation and air quality planning, programs, and activism through its *SACOG Salutes!* award program. On September 14, 2009 online nominations will open for the 2009 awards. All nomination must be submitted online at www.sacog.org.

The awards include: Agency of the Year, Project of the Year, Blueprint Excellence, Citizen of the Year, Employee of the Year, Business of the Year, Bill Hughes Elected Official of the Year, and new this year, the Mary Brill Youth Excellence.

Bill Hughes Elected Official

Bill Hughes was the driving force in the expansion of the SACOG Board of Directors, bringing voices from all of the region's cities and counties to the table. He was a tremendous supporter of the Blueprint project and was chair of the SACOG Board at the time of his sudden passing in 2003. This category recognizes leadership excellence by an elected official who has made significant contributions to transportation, air quality, or land-use planning in the Sacramento region at the local, regional, state, or federal level.

Blueprint Excellence

The Blueprint project was a multi-year study to optimize our transportation system through "smarter" land-use planning. This category recognizes a project, organization, or business for unique approaches to Blueprint implementation. The nomination can be for a general plan, completed project, or program that addresses at least four of SACOG's smart growth principles and promotes the increased integration of transportation and land-use planning.

Agency/Organization of the Year

This category is for not-for-profit organizations or government agencies that have achieved overall excellence and made significant efforts to address, inform, involve and/or educate the public about transportation, air quality, and/or land-use issues.

Make Your Nominations Online At:

www.sacog.org

Nominate

outstanding and innovative efforts in transportation, land-use planning and air quality improvement in the Sacramento region for the regional 2009 *SACOG Salutes!* awards starting September 14. Public and private entities within the six-county SACOG region are eligible for awards in eight categories.

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Project of the Year

This category recognizes a project completed or implemented in calendar year 2008 or 2009 that has made significant contributions to the region in transportation, air quality, and/or land use.

Business of the Year

This category recognizes private businesses that have made significant contributions to the region in transportation, air quality, and/or land use.

Citizen of the Year

This category recognizes a private citizen who participates and demonstrates leadership in public involvement activities for transportation, air quality, and/or land use.

Employee of the Year

This category recognizes an individual employee of an organization or business who has made a significant contributions to the region in transportation, air quality, and/or land use.

Mary Brill Youth Excellence

This award recognizes an individual or group of individuals in grades kindergarten through 12 who have made significant efforts on a project or campaign to promote peer education, engagement and behavior change in transportation, land use, and/or air quality.

Nominations Close:

Friday, October 23
at 5:00 p.m.

Awards Presentation:

Thursday, December 17
at 9:00 a.m.

For More Information:

For more information go to:
www.sacog.org