

MEDIA ADVISORY

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SACOG HONORS REGION'S BEST AT AWARDS CEREMONY

Who: The Sacramento Area Council of Governments is honoring outstanding regional efforts in transportation, smart-growth planning and air quality as part of the 2007 SACOG Salutes! Regional Awards Program.

What: Nine organizations and individuals whose achievements and innovations made a significant difference in the Sacramento region in 2007 will be honored. Since 1999, SACOG has recognized outstanding regional work by organizations, businesses and individuals through this program.

Agency of the Year: Placer County Transportation Planning Agency
For Leadership and Advocacy for Transportation Solutions

Citizen of the Year: Brooks Truitt
For Continuing Civic Engagement

Project of the Year: Caltrans Division of Rail
Voluntary Diesel Retrofit of Passenger Cars and Overall Reductions of Greenhouse Gas Emissions

Blueprint Excellence: Sacramento Area Bicycle Advocates & WALKS
Collaboration with Community for Complete Streets

Business of the Year: KCRA 3
Exemplary Public Education and Engagement of Regional Issues

Bill Hughes Elected Official of the Year: Yolo County Supervisor Mike McGowan
Efforts in Open Space Preservation

Employee of the Year: Sue Heitman, Capay Valley Vision
Revitalization Efforts for Esparto and rural Yolo County

Special Recognition: Susan Frazier, Valley Vision
Distinguished Service and Community Outreach in the SACOG Region

When: **Thursday, December 20 – 9:00 a.m.**

Where: Sacramento Area Council of Governments (Meridian Plaza Building)
1415 L Street, Suite 300
Sacramento, CA 95814

Contact: For further information on the awards, categories and past recipients, please contact Rebecca Thornton Sloan or Erik Johnson at 916-321-9000 or visit: www.sacog.org/about/categories.cfm.

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