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Central Valley Engineering Firms, Projects Honored with
ACEC California 2019 Engineering Excellence Awards

Today the American Council of Engineering Companies of California (ACEC California) announced the 2019 recipients of its annual Engineering Excellence Awards. Projects were recognized for demonstrating an exceptional degree of innovation, complexity, achievement and value. In the Central Valley, Carollo Engineers, Inc. and Woodard & Curran were recognized with prestigious Honor Awards for their respective work on a Fresno water treatment facility and a recycled water program in Modesto and Turlock, and Provost and Pritchard of Fresno was recognized with Merit Awards for projects in Fresno and Tulare County.

“Engineering and land surveying provide the innovative backbone of many critical infrastructure projects in California,” said Brad Diede, Executive Director of ACEC California. “This year’s recipients represent outstanding achievement in seismic safety projects, sustainable transportation projects and water programs, among many others. Our engineering and land surveying firms and their local agency and private sector partners continue to harness cutting-edge technologies so that projects are more sustainable and more effective at serving the people of California.”

The winner of the Golden State Award, an honor bestowed on the best overall project, will be announced at the Engineering Excellence Awards dinner in February 2019. The awards dinner is also a fundraiser for the ACEC California Scholarship Foundation 501(c)3, which provides scholarship awards to graduate and undergraduate students that are recognized for their notable and outstanding academic achievements. Honor Award winners also are eligible to enter the national level Engineering Excellence Awards competition and will have photographic panels on display at the Capitol, outside of the Governor’s office, in early 2019.

About ACEC California’s Engineering Excellence Awards:

ACEC California’s annual Engineering Excellence Awards competition recognizes outstanding achievements in engineering and land surveying projects completed by California firms. Entries are accepted into one of 12 project categories: studies, research and consulting engineering services; building/technology systems; structural systems; surveying and mapping technology; environmental; waste and storm water; water resources; transportation; special projects; small projects; energy; and industrial and manufacturing processes and facilities.

Photographs of award-winning projects can be found here.

Honor Awards recipients in the Central Valley include:

Carollo Engineers, Inc. in Fresno, CA, for its work on the City of Fresno Southeast Surface Water Treatment Facility in Fresno, CA. While the City of Fresno receives a small portion of surface water from the Kings and San Joaquin Rivers, for decades it has relied on groundwater for its main supply. The Southeast Surface Water Treatment Facility (SESWTF) will allow the City to maximize use of available surface water and reduce its dependence on groundwater resources, which are rapidly depleting. Carollo was the prime consultant, providing project management, design, and construction management, for the $180-million project.

Woodard & Curran in Walnut Creek, CA, for its work on the North Valley Regional Recycled Water Program in Modesto and Turlock, CA. The North Valley Regional Recycled Water Program (NVRRWP) is a regional solution to water supply and reliability issues on the west side of California’s San Joaquin Valley.
The NVRRWP provides recycled water from the Cities of Modesto and Turlock to the farmers and growers served by the Del Puerto Water District in portions of Stanislaus, San Joaquin, and Merced Counties. The innovative program uses a newly modified pumping plant and a new pipeline connecting the cities’ treatment facilities to the Delta-Mendota canal (DMC), from which water can be delivered for beneficial use on agricultural lands and to South of Delta CVPIA-designated wildlife refuges.

**Merit Award recipients in the Central Valley include:**

*Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group* in Fresno, CA, for its work on the Biogas Pipeline Project in Tulare County, CA. Instead of allowing dairy manure to compost and release methane into the atmosphere, dairy digesters collect manure generated by the dairies and anaerobically digest the manure, producing biogas (methane) that is collected and used as a renewable energy source. The Calgren cluster project includes constructing digesters at dairies near the Calgren ethanol plant located in Pixley, California, and pipelines to transport the biogas produced by the digesters to the Calgren plant. Currently, Phase 1 and 2 of the pipeline project have been designed and constructed with the first digester going on-line in August 2018.

*Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group* in Fresno, CA, for its work on the Fulton Street Reconstruction Project in Fresno, CA. In downtown Fresno, the Fulton Mall corridor was renovated by reintroducing a pedestrian-friendly commercial streetscape together with a narrow two-lane street with on-street parking. The project restored and relocated all of the significant public art and water features that make this corridor a virtual outdoor art museum. Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group was a subconsultant to RHAA Landscape Architecture on this project, providing project management, land surveying and civil engineering services.

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