



# 2025 Project of Merit Awards

**DEADLINE:**

**Friday, July 25, 2025**

Project Name

Project Completion Date

*Must be substantially complete (90%) and available for public use by July 1, 2024*

Public Agency

Project Category *(Please Check All that Apply)*

- ☐ **Buildings** – new or renovated public structure, municipal building, community center, public safety facility, etc.
- ☐ **Facilities** – new or renovated public use/benefit facilities, parks, parking structures, transit facilities, solar/energy facilities, airport facilities, etc.
- ☐ **Transportation** – new construction, pavement rehabilitation, roadway widening, bridge (new, widening or rehab), multi-modal, etc.
- ☐ **Traffic, Mobility, & Beautification** – traffic improvements traffic calming, signal synchronization, ITS, etc.; mobility improvements for bike, pedestrians, NEV, ADA accessibility, transit, etc.; beautification projects such as streetscape, median landscaping, parkway landscaping
- ☐ **Drainage, Water & Wastewater** – new, replacement or upgrade project related to storm drain, flood protection, domestic water, reclaimed water, irrigation water, and sanitary sewer systems
- ☐ **Recreational & Athletic Facilities** – new, renovated or modernized parks, outdoor amphitheaters, playgrounds, sports facilities & fields, nature trails and aquatic facilities.
- ☐ **Storm Water Quality** – stormwater capture, stormwater recharge and/or reuse, projects addressing TMDLs, etc.
- ☐ **Creative & Innovative** – show or demonstrate resourcefulness to create a new idea as it relates to projects and project approach; water/energy conversation; public works operations, management and technology; student programs; etc.

Construction Cost

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Awarded Contract Amount

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Final Contract Closeout Amount

**2024 PROJECT OF MERIT NOMINATION FORM**



## Project of Merit Awards 2025

### NOMINATOR

|                     |        |
|---------------------|--------|
| Name                | Title  |
| Agency/Organization |        |
| Address             |        |
| City                | Zip    |
| Phone #             | E-Mail |

### MANAGING AGENCY

|                     |        |
|---------------------|--------|
| Name                | Title  |
| Agency/Organization |        |
| Address             |        |
| City                | Zip    |
| Phone #             | E-Mail |

### PRIMARY CONSULTANT

|                     |        |
|---------------------|--------|
| Name                | Title  |
| Agency/Organization |        |
| Address             |        |
| City                | Zip    |
| Phone #             | E-Mail |

### PRIMARY CONTRACTOR

|                     |        |
|---------------------|--------|
| Name                | Title  |
| Agency/Organization |        |
| Address             |        |
| City                | Zip    |
| Phone #             | E-Mail |



## Project of Merit Awards 2025

**NOMINATION PACKAGE DUE: Friday, July 25, 2025**

The Coachella Valley Branch of the Southern California Chapter of APWA established the Project of Merit Awards to promote excellence in Public Works Projects by recognizing the partnership between the managing agency, the consultant/architect/engineer team and the contractor, who all work together to successfully complete Public Works Projects within the Coachella Valley. Further, the Project of Merit Award was established to:

- Recognize outstanding capital improvement projects and public works programs;
- Share the positive experiences displayed in these projects and programs with the Coachella Valley;
- Showcase the variety, caliber, quality, nature, and breadth of work performed by the agencies for projects delivered to the public within the Coachella Valley.

To be considered, agencies and/or local members need to submit a nomination package by **Friday, July 25, 2025, at 5:00 PM PST**. Awarded projects will have an opportunity to present their projects at the September 4, 2025 APWA-CV Public Works Expo (CV-PWX2025) event. To be eligible for nomination, a project must have been “substantially complete” by the date noted herein and available for public and/or agency use within calendar year 2024 or 2025 (prior to July 1, 2025). If a project has multiple phases or segments, then “substantially complete” will be construed as that point when the final phase or segment is 90% complete and available for public and/or agency use. Also, the project must be located within the Coachella Valley Branch boundary. Nominators are encouraged to check all project categories that apply to the project. However, a project may only be nominated once for recognition “Project of Merit” under any category. Finally, either the Managing Agency responsible for the project and/or Primary Consultant represented on the project, will need to be an active member of the APWA – Coachella Valley Branch, for a project to be considered by the Committee.

Project of Merit Award will be given to those projects that the Committee deems outstanding in any of the above-mentioned categories. In any given year, not all categories may have a Project of Merit awarded.



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### SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Projects or programs submitted for consideration should address the following areas within the nomination submittal package, adhering to the sequence below when possible.

- Development of the project to meet a perceived need of the community;
- Use of alternative materials, practices, or funding that demonstrates a commitment to sustainability;
- Unique or unusual accomplishments under adverse conditions that dictated the defined action;
- Economic challenges that the community faced and the rationale of the option chosen;
- Creative use of municipal resources, equipment, labor, or funds that produced measurable benefits to the community;
- Construction processes that minimize the impact to the community and its residents during construction;
- Demonstrate awareness of opportunities for environmental preservation during the project and how they were incorporated in the project design and construction; and
- Additional conditions deemed of importance to the public works agency, such as exceptional efforts to maintain quality control and, if value engineering is used, construction innovations as evidenced by time and/or money-saving techniques developed and/or successfully utilized.

### SUBMITTAL INSTRUCTIONS

**Nominations must be submitted by an active agency and/or member of the APWA Coachella Valley Branch.**

Please include the Nomination Form as well as additional supporting documentation. ***Limit supporting documentation to ten (10) pages, not including photographs and nomination form.*** To receive consideration for a 2025 Project of Merit Award, an electronic submittal shall be provided in a PDF form via email or other form of electronic file transfer to the individual noted below.

APWA Coachella Valley  
Project of Merit Committee  
Email – [apwacoachellavalley@gmail.com](mailto:apwacoachellavalley@gmail.com)

There is a maximum of one (1) award per category, per agency, per year. There is no limit to the number of submissions per agency or the categories that a project may apply for. However, each project or program can only be ultimately selected for a single category.

#### **Questions:**

Please contact: [apwacoachellavalley@gmail.com](mailto:apwacoachellavalley@gmail.com). Please indicate “POM” in the subject line.