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Executive Summary

The ABAG annual Growing Smarter Together Awards began in 2007. The Awards program has recognized the efforts of 17 cities, towns, and counties, and two individuals. The Growing Smarter Together Awards Program showcases the positive work being undertaken by cities, towns, and counties in the Bay Area as it relates to smart growth principles being advanced through the FOCUS Initiative.

Award categories include both personal, and program or project-oriented work, and urban design. The categories are as follows:

- *Distinguished Leadership Award – Elected Official*
- *Start It Up Award*
- *On the Ground – Getting It Done Award: FOCUSed Growth*
- *Preserving and Protecting the Environment Award*
- *Public-Private Partnership Award*
- *Sharing the Benefits Award*
- *Building a Better Bay Area - Urban Design Award.*

Award winners are recognized at the Spring General Assembly with a special awards presentation and video. The videos, which have been produced by COMCAST, are also on ABAG's website.

During the 2010 Awards selection, two issues were identified as needing additional clarification.

1. The jury questioned the existing requirements for ***Distinguished Leadership Award – Elected Official***. The requirements currently state: "For a significant contribution to the implementation of the FOCUS goals by an individual elected to public office or recognition of an elected official for individual achievement as it relates to FOCUS goals and/or committee leadership activities." Some Jurors stated that the Award should be restricted to:
 - a. Retired or retiring elected officials and
 - b. City and County elected officials from ABAG member jurisdictions
2. The make-up of the jury was never defined in the original Awards Program. Voting jurors have included: ABAG President, Executive Board members, ABAG Planning Director, a prior ABAG

Executive Board member, previous ABAG Planning Director, and an architect in private practice.

Recommended Action

That the Executive Board:

1. Revise the Distinguished Leadership Award category to state: "For a significant contribution to the implementation of the FOCUS goals by an individual elected to a city or town council or board of supervisors in an ABAG member jurisdiction in recognition of individual achievement as it relates to FOCUS goals and/or committee leadership activities."
2. Determine size and composition of the jury pool.

Next Steps

That the Executive Board approve Distinguished Leadership Award qualification modification and determine size and composition of the Awards jury.

Attachments:

Listing of award recipients

GROWING SMARTER TOGETHER AWARDEES

2010

Urban Design

Livermore Downtown Specific Plan, City of Livermore
Civic Center Revitalization, City of Richmond

On the Ground – Getting It Done

Contra Costa Centre Transit Village, County of Contra Costa

Preserving and Protecting the Environment

Codornices Creek Restoration and Trail Project, City of Albany

Sharing the Benefits

Embedding Equity into Smart Growth: San Francisco's Eastern Neighborhoods, City and County of San Francisco

Distinguished Leadership

Beverly Lane, Vice President, East Bay Regional Park District Board of Directors

2009

Public Private Partnership

Housing Endowment and Regional Trust, HEART of San Mateo County, County of San Mateo

On the Ground – Getting It Done

Union City Intermodal Station District, City of Union City

Preserving and Protecting the Environment

Peralta Creek Restoration Project, County of Alameda

Sharing the Benefits

Housing Rehabilitation Program, City of San Ramon

Urban Design

Oxford Plaza and David Brower Center, City of Berkeley

2008

Public Private Partnership

Dublin Transit Center, Alameda County Surplus Property Authority, City of Dublin, Bay Area Rapid Transit

Distinguished Leadership

City of Walnut Creek Mayor Gwen Regalia

On the Ground-Getting It Done

Plan for Central Hercules, Regulating Code for the Central Hercules Plan City of Hercules

Start It Up

City of San Leandro

Downtown Transit-Oriented Development Strategy, City of San Leandro

2007

Start It Up

City of San Mateo, Rail Corridor Transit Oriented Development Plan

On the Ground - Getting It Done

City of Pleasant Hill, Villa Montanaro Apartments/Transit Oriented Development Project/Bart

Preserving and Protecting the Environment

County of Napa, Napa County Baseline Data Report

Public-Private Partnership

Town of Windsor, Town Green Village Project