2020 Excellence in Design - Park Planning

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2020 Award Recipients

City of Carson

Gates + Associates

City of Santee

City of Folsom

Schmidt Design Group

East Bay Regional Park District

City of Anaheim

Verde Design
About the Excellence in Design - Park Planning Award

This award recognizes excellence in design of completed park facilities intended for public use. The project may be either new construction or a rehabilitation project that demonstrates high standards of planning, design, community involvement, operation and maintenance, quality of aesthetics, usability, accessibility and versatility. Recognizes planning and development or significant rehabilitation of outdoor park and recreation spaces where the majority of the site does not contain buildings, structures or facilities and that result in higher levels of community use.

One Excellence Award may be awarded in each category and each class.

Evaluation Criteria for the Park Planning Award

**Challenge:** Describe the organizational challenge or compelling community need the entry addressed. [250 word maximum] (20 pts)

**Resourcefulness:** Describe how the entry demonstrates the use of unique architectural elements or responds to challenging environmental, cultural or site constraints or integrated "green" construction materials, systems, management or maintenance practices. [400 word maximum] (25 pts)

**Execution:** Describe the various strategies, tools, resources and outreach efforts the entry used to address the challenge, including the use of non-traditional fiscal or community resources i.e., grants, sponsorships, foundations, volunteers and the communication efforts used to inform, engage and receive feedback from the community, policy makers or stakeholders. [400 word maximum] (20 pts)

**Accomplishment:** Describe the substantial community benefit, improved operational efficiencies, new or increased value in the community, or enhancement(s) to the provision of park and recreation services the entry achieved. Include measurable results. [400 word maximum] (25 pts)

**Mission:** Describe how the entry supports the Parks Make Life Better® campaign messages of creating spaces and places for access to nature, outdoor space for play and exercise, self-directed and directed recreation, facilitating social connections, lifelong learning, or the arts. [250 word maximum] (10 pts)