Let’s recognize the outstanding individuals, groups and projects representing the best in the public works profession. The following are award categories that the Northern California Chapter is recognizing in the 2016 Chapter Awards Program for the 2015 Year:

1. **Project of the Year Awards:**
The APWA Public Works* Project of the Year Award was established to promote excellence in the management and administration of public works projects by recognizing the alliance between the managing agency, the consultant/architect/engineer, and the contractor who, working together, complete public works projects.

**Awards are given in four divisions:**
1. Projects less than $5 million
2. Projects of $5 million, but less than $25 million
3. Projects of $25 million to $75 million
4. Projects more than $75 million
5. Project of Small Cities/Rural Communities

**And five categories:**
1. Structures - to include public structure preservation/rehabilitation, municipal buildings, parks, etc.
2. Transportation - to include roads, bridges, mass transit, etc.
3. Environment - to include treatment and recycling facilities, landfill reclamation projects, sewer projects, etc.
4. Historical Restoration/Preservation - to include historical restoration, preservation and adaptive reuse of existing buildings and structures and facilities, etc.
5. Disaster or Emergency Construction/Repair - to include the techniques and timing for safety, community relations, environmental protection, adverse conditions and additional considerations.

* Public works is defined as the physical structures and facilities that are developed, owned, and maintained by public agencies to house governmental functions and provide water, power, waste disposal, transportation, and similar public services in accordance with established public policy. To be eligible for nomination, a project must have been “substantially completed” and available for public and/or agency use within two calendar years prior to nomination. If a project has multiple phases or segments, then “substantially completed” will be construed as that point when the final phase or segment is 90% completed and available for public and/or agency use. A project may only be nominated once for recognition as “Project of the Year” under any category.

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2. Contractor of the Year Award:
Criteria to be used in the selection process include:
1. Use of good construction management techniques and completion of the project on schedule;
2. Safety performance and demonstrated awareness of the need for a good overall safety program during construction.
3. Community relations as evidence by efforts to minimize public inconvenience due to construction, safety precautions to protect public lives and property, provision of observation areas, guided tours, or other means of improving relations between the agency and the public;
4. Demonstrated awareness for the need to protect the environment during the project. This includes any special considerations given to particular environmental concerns raised during the course of the project;
5. Unusual accomplishments under adverse conditions including, but not limited to age or condition of the facility, adverse weather, soil or other site conditions over which there is no control; and
6. 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.

3. Public Works Leader of the Year Award:
Public Works Leaders of the Year seeks to inspire excellence and dedication in public service by recognizing the outstanding career service achievements of individual public works professionals and officials from both the public and private sectors. The primary focus of the award is on career service to the public works profession rather than on any one event or projects. The individual must be in active service as of National Public Works Week of the year he or she is considered. Any group or individual may nominate candidates. Self nominations are not accepted. APWA membership is not required.

4. Sustainability Practices Award
To recognize individuals, teams or organizations that have made an outstanding contribution to promote sustainability in public works. Sustainability is accomplished by the efficient delivery of infrastructure in an environmentally and socially responsible way that ensures the best choices in the long term.

Nomination Forms
Visit the Chapter website for nomination form in each category: http://northernca.apwa.net
All forms must be filled out in their entirety or they will be discounted and sent back to you.
Nominations for all awards shall be sent via electronic format only (Please be sure the nomination forms and attachments are submitted in a word document format with supporting document in a PDF version in order to ensure accuracy. Handwritten form will be returned for revisions. Please save the documents adding the following information in the extension at the end of the award you are applying for:

- The award you are applying for
- The company name or agency
- The Title/ Name of the Nominee

EXAMPLE: 2015_Project_of_the_Year_WatertownBridge_Watertown/or/ConsultingGroup

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Nomination Deadline
The deadline for submitting nomination forms is Wednesday December 23, 2015. (electronic submittals only)

Presentation
A designated representative of the public agency, contractor, and consultant are presented a plaque at the Awards Recognition Ceremony during, and winners are featured in APWA publications.

Please e-mail nomination forms (FILLABLE WORD DOCUMENT) and pdf supporting documents to: Gigi MacTaggart, Chapter Administrator, at apwanorcal@gmail.com. If you have any questions, please contact Gigi via email or call (510) 932-3203.

Award nominees and winners will be recognized at the Northern California Chapter Awards Ceremony luncheon held on Thursday, February 25, 2016. More information to follow. All Northern California Chapter Award winners will be forwarded to National APWA for consideration of a national award as part of the 2016 APWA PWX, Public Works Expo in Minneapolis MN, August 28-31, 2016. More information to follow for Chapter Award winners.