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MAY 17-23, 2026

Thursday, May 21, 2026



KEYNOTE SPEAKER



HONORABLE Monica Montgomery Steppe
San Diego County Supervisor District 4

NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS PROCLAMATION

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

Janean Hawney - City of Carlsbad - Award of Merit/Certificate of Merit

Kristina Ray - City of San Marcos - Communicator Award

Jim Milton - City of Carlsbad - Outstanding Operations and Maintenance Personnel

Rudy Zelaya - Port of San Diego - Outstanding Service in the Public Sector

Carmen Kasner - Ardurra - Outstanding Service in the Private Sector

Melissa McChesney - Padre Dam Municipal Water District - Public Works Advocate

Ash Paranthaman - RICK- Young Leader Award

PROJECT AWARDS

DISASTER/EMERGENCY REPAIR

HONOR: Emergency Drainage Repairs – City of National City

PROJECT OF THE YEAR: Via La Jolla Storm Drain Emergency Repair - City of San Diego

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ENVIRONMENTAL

Under \$2 million

HONOR: Pine Valley Wastewater Treatment Plant Aerobic Lagoon Rehabilitation - County of San Diego

PROJECT OF THE YEAR: Goldentop Road Water Quality Improvement Project – County of San Diego

\$2 - \$5 million

PROJECT OF THE YEAR: Rainbow Creek Restoration Project - County of San Diego

\$6 - \$25 million

HONOR: Niland Wastewater Treatment Plant - County of Imperial

PROJECT OF THE YEAR: Maple Canyon Restoration Phases 1 and 2 - City of San Diego

\$26 - \$75 million

PROJECT OF THE YEAR: New River Improvement Project, Calexico Reach - City of Calexico

PROJECT AWARDS

PARKS

Under \$2 million

HONOR: North Harbor Drive Improvements - Port of San Diego

HONOR: Olivenhain Trail Enhancements Project - City of Encinitas

PROJECT OF THE YEAR: Stagecoach Park Community Garden - City of Carlsbad

\$2 - \$5 million

HONOR: Olive Street Park - City of San Diego

PROJECT OF THE YEAR: John F. Kennedy Neighborhood Park - City of San Diego

\$6 - \$25 million

HONOR: Jerabek Park - City of San Diego

PROJECT OF THE YEAR: Village View Park - County of San Diego

SPONSOR PRESENTATION: Virtual Project Manager

STRUCTURES

\$2 - \$5 million

HONOR: Carlsbad Emergency Operations Center Reconfiguration - City of Carlsbad

PROJECT OF THE YEAR: Deodar (1.3 MG) Reservoir Rehabilitation - Vista Irrigation District

\$26 - \$75 million

PROJECT OF THE YEAR: Public Health Laboratory - County of San Diego

Above \$75 million

PROJECT OF THE YEAR: Instructional and Discovery Complex - Southwestern College

SUSTAINABLE/GREEN

Under \$2 million

HONOR: Vista Street Lighting Assessment and Improvement Project - City of Vista

PROJECT OF THE YEAR: 4S Ranch Park Biofiltration Project - County of San Diego

\$2 - \$5 million

HONOR: South Mission Road (North Segment) Project 1 - County of San Diego

PROJECT OF THE YEAR: Phase III Recycled Water Expansion, D-4 Tank - Carlsbad Municipal Water District

\$6 - \$25 million

PROJECT OF THE YEAR: Millenia Public Right-of-Way Improvements - City of Chula Vista

SPONSOR PRESENTATION: The Holt Group

PROJECT AWARDS

TRANSPORTATION

Under \$2 million

HONOR: Central Community Mobility Enhancements - City of National City

HONOR: Traffic Signal Synchronization and ITS Project - City of Brawley

HONOR: West Vista Way Pedestrian Improvement Project - City of Vista

PROJECT OF THE YEAR: Saxony & Quail Gardens Mobility Enhancements - City of Encinitas

\$2 - \$5 million

HONOR: 9th Street Enhancement Project - City of Imperial Beach

PROJECT OF THE YEAR: Main Street Green Street Phase 1 - City of El Cajon

\$6 - \$25 million

HONOR: Chula Vista Bayfront Phase 1A Infrastructure - City of Chula Vista and Port of San Diego

HONOR: Grand Avenue Vision Project - City of Escondido

PROJECT OF THE YEAR: SR-56 HOV Project, Caltrans District 11

\$26 - \$75 million

PROJECT OF THE YEAR: Bayshore Bikeway Barrio Logan - San Diego Association of Governments

Above \$75 million

PROJECT OF THE YEAR: I-5 North Coast Corridor HOV Expansion Project, Segments 4AB and 4C - Caltrans District 11

UTILITIES

Under \$2 million

HONOR: Unit A Rancho Santa Fe Potable Water Pipeline Replacement Project - Olivenhain Municipal Water District

PROJECT OF THE YEAR: CST Additional South Berth Shore Power Connection - Port of San Diego

\$2 - \$5 million

HONOR: MCB Gas Detection System Replacement - City of San Diego

HONOR: Monte Mar Storm Drain Improvements Project - City of Vista

PROJECT OF THE YEAR: El Fuerte and Maerkle Motorized Valves Project - Carlsbad Municipal Water District

\$6 - \$25 million

HONOR: Boulevard Drive Storm Drain Improvements - City of La Mesa

PROJECT OF THE YEAR: G Street Sewer Pump Station & Force Main Project - City of Chula Vista

\$26 - \$75 million

PROJECT OF THE YEAR: Granite 69kV Substation Rebuild - San Diego Gas & Electric

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Thursday
5/28/26



Sustainability Committee
Tour of the
Otay Landfill
Friday
6/15/26



**Summer
Social**
Liberty
Station Park
Thursday
7/16/26



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7/28/26

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Friday, September 18, 2026

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