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# 18 Awards for Vital Infrastructure Projects Recognize City of San Diego’s Investment in the Future

‘PROJECTS OF YEAR’ INCLUDE UPGRADES TO CITY’S WATER AND WASTEWATER SYSTEMS, PARK RENOVATIONS AND PUBLIC FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS

SAN DIEGO – In recognition of the City of San Diego’s commitment to investing in its infrastructure and sustainable future, 18 major construction projects have been honored with awards by the [San Diego and Imperial counties chapter of the American Public Works Association \(APWA\)](#). The awards ceremony was held virtually this morning.

Winners of the 2021 San Diego Region Public Works Project of the Year Awards include 11 City parks, playgrounds and facilities; water and wastewater system upgrades; air operations facility construction; and seismic retrofit and rehabilitation projects. Another seven City projects received Honor Awards from the San Diego APWA.

**“The City of San Diego has set a high standard for our public facilities,” said Mayor Todd Gloria. “These awards reflect our dedication to improving our infrastructure and building a better future for all of us.”**

The contracted construction projects were overseen by the City’s Engineering and Capital Projects Department as part of its [Capital Improvement Program](#).

## Projects of the Year

- **California Tower Seismic Retrofit** (Historical Restoration / Preservation) – Phase one of a project to retrofit the historic structure for earthquake safety.
- **UV Disinfection System Replacement at South Bay Water Reclamation Plant** (Sustainable/Green \$2 million to \$5 million) – Installation of new system to increase energy efficiency, reduce operation and maintenance costs and improve system operation.
- **Miramar Clearwell Improvements** (Utilities over \$75 million) - Construction of two new drinking water storage clearwells and other upgrades.
- **Chollas Water Operations Buildings** (Structures \$26 million to \$75 million) – Construction of new facilities including water meter and carpentry shops, work stations and equipment storage areas.

- **Maruta Gardner Playground at Bonita Cove West** (Parks \$2 million to \$5 million) – Renovation of the playground including ADA-compliant sidewalk upgrades, security lighting, and new comfort station and new picnic pavilion.
- **Mission Trails Field Station** (Environmental \$6 million to \$25 million) – Construction of a park maintenance facility, park ranger offices, conference room, information counter, garage, kitchen, restrooms, storage room, a picnic shelter and storage yard.
- **Nimitz Bridge at NTC Rehabilitation** (Structures under \$2 million) – Installation of two pedestrian curb ramps as well as new handrails, guard rails, and new light fixtures to ensure ADA compliant access at either end of the bridge.
- **Park de la Cruz** (Parks \$6 million to \$25 million) - Construction of a skate park, a landscaped connection to Cherokee Park and associated accessibility improvements, as well as upgrades to the park's community center and gym.
- **San Diego Fire Rescue Air Operations Facility, Phase 1** (Structures \$2 million to \$5 million) – Construction of a new, permanent Fire-Rescue Air Operations Facility station at the City's Montgomery-Gibbs Executive Airport.
- **State Route 94 and Euclid Avenue Interchange** (Transportation \$2 million to \$5 million) - Improved vehicle, bicycle and pedestrian safety with the installation of new traffic signals at each end of the intersection and increasing safety and capacity of traffic flow.
- **Sunset Cliffs Natural Park Phase II Trail and Revegetation** (Environmental \$2 million to \$5 million) – Various improvements including trails, parking, benches, signs, ballfield, pedestrian bridge and landscaping.

Projects that received **Honor Awards** include:

- Ashley Falls Large Scale Storm Flow Storage Low Impact Development.
- Bay Terraces Senior Center.
- Federal Highway Administration System Bridge Rehabilitation.
- Florida Drive Emergency Storm Drain Replacement.
- Metropolitan Biosolids Center – Cooling Water System Chiller Upgrade.
- Otay 2nd Pipeline Phase 2 and AC Woodman Street Pipeline Replacement.
- Torrey Meadows Overcrossing at state Route 56.

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