Six County Programs Receive 2014 CSAC Awards

Santa Ana, CA — Six County of Orange programs have been honored for innovation and cost-effectiveness by the California State Association of Counties (CSAC) through its 2014 Challenge Awards program.

- The Clerk-Recorder has received a Merit Award for its efforts to open offices on select Saturdays each month to provide marriage, vital record, official record, passport application services to working families who are unable to visit during the work week.
- The Office of the District Attorney has received a Merit Award for its OC Grip Parent Greeter Program, which has helped to reduce gang crime and graffiti at participating schools by placing volunteer parents on campus each morning and afternoon to serve as a welcoming presence for students that discourages gang-members from recruiting and vandalizing property.
- The Office of the Assessor has received a Merit Award for partnering with assessors throughout California to develop and implement a shared services strategy that enables business owners to e-file property statements for single or numerous locations online, saving them time and money by transmitting files electronically.
- OC Community Resources’ OC Public Libraries division has received a Merit Award for its Santiago Library System Courtesy Delivery Service. Facing budget cuts, staff devised a process to protect patrons’ ability to drop books at any location – confident that materials will be sorted and returned safely to home branches in a timely manner.
- The Sheriff’s Department has received a Merit Award for its Theo Lacy Jail Facility Sustainability Project, which is moving Orange County’s largest jail toward zero waste while using recycled resources to benefit the community. For example, linens and clothing are recycled into pet beds and donated to the County’s OC Animal Care shelter.
- OC Community Resources’ OC Parks division and OC Public Works have received a Merit Award for the creation of the Haster Basin Recreation Park. This project has provided regional flood protection and additional recreational opportunities for the community, including an two-acre recreational field, expanded parking lot, jogging trail, and exercise stations.

“We are very proud that our programs have been selected from among hundreds of nominees statewide and recognized for using creativity to better serve and protect the residents of Orange County,” said Shawn Nelson, Chairman of the Orange County Board of Supervisors.

To learn more about the 2014 CSAC Challenge Awards, please visit http://www.counties.org/challenge-awards

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