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Ten County Programs Receive NACo Achievement Awards

(Santa Ana, CA)— Ten County of Orange programs were selected to receive a 2015 Achievement Award by the National Association of Counties (NACo). Founded in 1935, NACo represents the nation’s 3,069 County governments in support of the pursuit of excellence in public service.

“We are honored to have been recognized by NACo and appreciate the opportunity to share innovative County programs that best demonstrate our efforts to provide efficient, quality services to the residents of Orange County,” said Chairman Todd Spitzer, Orange County Board of Supervisors. “I thank all the employees for doing a great job and congratulate them on this well-deserved acknowledgement from NACo.”

The County of Orange award-winning agency programs for 2015 are:

AGENCY/DEPT.	AWARD-WINNING PROGRAM	NACo CATEGORY
Clerk Recorder	“Special Saturday Hours - Increasing Access to Better Serve the Public”	County Administration and Management
To make services such as marriage licenses, ceremonies, passports, vital and official records more accessible to working families and students who are unable to visit the Clerk-Recorder’s office during regular business hours, Clerk-Recorder Nguyen implemented once-a-month Saturday service hours without increasing cost to taxpayers.		
Health Care Agency	“Waste Not OC”	Health
The Waste Not OC Coalition is a public-private partnership formed with the goal of eliminating hunger and reducing food waste by facilitating donations of wholesome surplus food from food-producing facilities to local pantries. It aims to end hunger in Orange County by educating the community about food donations, identifying food insecure individuals, and connecting those individuals to sources of food.		
Health Care Agency/Probation	“Providing Effective Behavioral Health Treatment and Resources in a Probation Setting”	Criminal Justice and Public Safety
After the Public Safety Realignment Act, Orange County Health Care and Probation joined in a collaborative effort to create unprecedented access to care, and a continuum of treatment for offenders being released from custody. These resources and tools help remove the barriers for successful reintegration back into our community.		
John Wayne Airport	“2013 Annual Report – Impressive from all Angles”	Civic Education and Public Information
In addition to providing its most recent audited financial statements, this report is one of the many tools John Wayne Airport uses to communicate with its stakeholders about the day-to-day operations at the Airport. This report aimed to further increase awareness and community support around the pending federal court agreement that has shaped Airport operations since the early 1980s.		

<u>OC Public Works</u>	"OC Public Works Department Operations Center Redesign and Enhancement Program"	Emergency Management and Response
<p>The OC Public Works Department Operations Center Redesign and Enhancement Program was established as a result of the destructive winter storms of 2010. The effort updated technological assets, streamlined operations, relocated the facility and established best practices for increased efficiency and enhanced support for communities and agencies during emergencies.</p>		
<u>OC Public Works</u>	"Environmental Resources Data Portal"	Information Technology
<p>Designed and launched by OCPW's Environmental Resources Service Area, the new web-based data portal provides County staff, other agencies and the general public with a gateway to multiple interactive maps, enabling users the freedom to explore data sets and download data layers in a variety of different formats for enhanced customer service.</p>		
<u>OC Waste & Recycling</u>	"Landfill Good Neighbor Policy"	Civic Education and Public Information
<p>The Good Neighbor Policy is the foundation for success in continued landfill operations. In developing direct connections with residents, OC Waste & Recycling has established a context in which to communicate potentially difficult messages, engage in meaningful and relevant discussions with neighbors and pave the way for continuing good relationships.</p>		
<u>OC Community Resources - OC Public Libraries</u>	"OC Stories - An Online Digital History"	Arts and Historic Preservation
<p>The OC Stories project is a one-stop location for the digital history of Orange County. OC Stories provides access to online digital images and digitally recorded stories that make Orange County's history come alive. The goal of OC Stories is to preserve Orange County's unique history, while fostering connection, research, and a sense of community.</p>		
<u>OC Community Resources - OC Community Services</u>	"Veterans Resource Directory"	Human Services
<p>The Veterans Resource Directory comprehensively and systematically links veterans and their families to a multitude of services provided by the County and other organizations. Public and private partners in Orange County call the directory a landmark contribution destined to become a template for other counties to follow.</p>		
<u>OC Community Resources - OC Parks</u>	"OC Parks Archery Program"	Parks and Recreation
<p>OC Parks capitalized on the emerging popularity in archery, inspired by recent TV shows and movies, to introduce new people to the sport by creating the OC Parks Archery Program. The program offers lessons and loans equipment free of charge to participants. In 2014, there were about 200 participants, and the program further encourages engagement with OC Parks.</p>		

To learn more about the NACo Achievement Awards program, please visit <http://www.naco.org/programs/recognition/Pages/Achievement-Awards.aspx>.

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