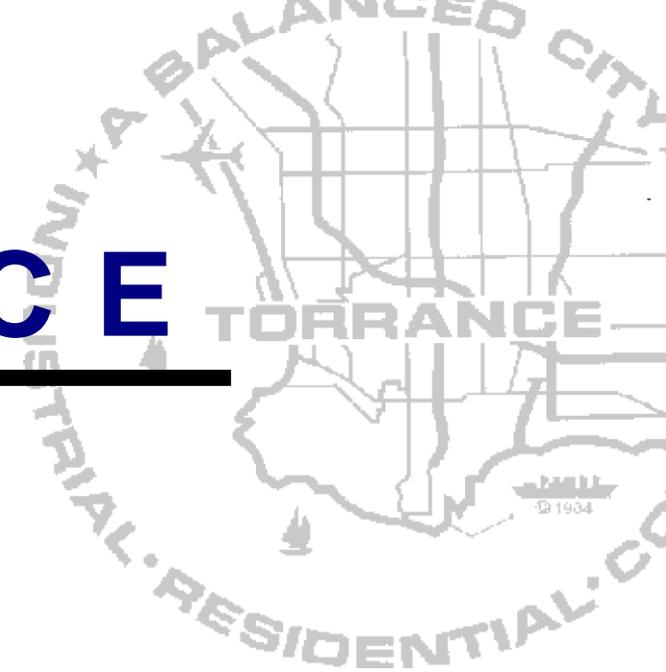


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City of Torrance Stormwater Basin Enhancement Project Wins Award from American Public Works Association

Torrance, Calif., Nov. 24, 2015 – The City of Torrance was chosen to receive a 2015 Project of the Year award from the Southern California Chapter of the American Public Works Association.

The Stormwater Basin Enhancement Project at the Amie, Entradero and Henrietta Stormwater Basins will be recognized at the APWA Southern California Chapter's 16th Annual Awards Luncheon on Wednesday, Dec. 9 in Lakewood, Calif.

The award-winning project undertaken by the City of Torrance was part of a program by the Regional Water Quality Control Board of Los Angeles that requires South Bay cities to treat storm water that may contain bacteria or otherwise prevent it from being discharged into the Santa Monica Bay. Through this project, the City improved the Amie, Entradero and Henrietta Basins to provide natural treatment systems and to improve infiltration and groundwater recharge.

Other benefits of the project include water conservation, improved landscaping and aesthetics, habitat restoration and educational opportunities.

The Entradero Basin, located adjacent to Entradero Park, is open to the public with access to walking trails. The Henrietta Basin is available for field trips and learning opportunities by appointment only, and with the guidance of a City docent. The Amie Basin is not accessible to the public.

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The Stormwater Basin Enhancement Project was made possible with the help of a \$3.3 million grant provided by the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission, which selected the Amie, Henrietta and Entradero basins to receive the major improvements. An additional \$300,000 grant came from the Bureau of Reclamation, and the City contributed \$1.6 million.

In 2014, the project was recognized with the Storm Water Solutions Top Project Award and the 2015 California Stormwater Quality Association's Outstanding Stormwater BMP Implementation Project Award.

APWA is the professional association of Public Works leaders in the United States and Canada. The Southern California Chapters includes Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside and San Bernardino Counties.

A video detailing the City's project can be seen at www.youtube.com/watch?v=o2pPci7hLJg.

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