



STAFF REPORT
Board Meeting of February 21, 2024

AGENDA ITEM: 4-K

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SUBJECT:

San Joaquin Valley Blueprint Awards Nomination – MCTC to nominate Patricia Taylor, Executive Director for Darrel Hildebrand Blueprint Leadership Award

Enclosure: No

Action: Direct staff to prepare nomination package and letter of support to nominate Patricia Taylor for the Darrel Hildebrand Blueprint Leadership Award

SUMMARY:

A Call for Nominations for the 2024 San Joaquin Valley Blueprint Awards has been announced. The MCTC proposes to nominate Patricia Taylor, MCTC Executive Director, for the Darrel Hildebrand Blueprint Leadership Award. This award category is for an individual who has shown enthusiasm and tenacity in promoting Blueprint Principles.

This award is in memory of the former Blueprint project manager from Kern Council of Governments who was thoroughly engaged in the planning process. The fruits of his labor are still with us today as we move the Blueprint from the planning to the implementation phase. Darrel is remembered for his attention to detail and his insistence that the planning principles were the centerpiece of the San Joaquin Valley Blueprint Planning Process.

The Blueprint Principles are consistent with current climate, social, environmental, transportation, and housing goals on the state and federal level. They are as follows:

1. Create a range of housing opportunities and choices
2. Create walkable and bikeable neighborhoods
3. Encourage community and stakeholder collaboration
4. Foster distinctive, attractive communities with a strong sense of place
5. Make development decisions predictable, fair, and cost effective
6. Promote a mix of land uses
7. Preserve open space, farmland, natural beauty, and critical environmental areas

8. Provide a variety of transportation choices
9. Strengthen and direct development toward existing communities
10. Take advantage of compact building design
11. Enhance the economic vitality of the region
12. Support actions that encourage environmental resource management
13. Plan for future water needs

Awards will be presented at the 17th Annual San Joaquin Valley Policy Conference on Wednesday, May 1, 2024, to be held at Visalia Convention Center, in Visalia, CA.

FISCAL IMPACT:

No fiscal impact to the approved 2023-24 Overall Work Program and Budget.