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Dear Richard

Time flies. It has been a busy year at Architerra Design Group. Fall is always a good time to reminisce about the past year, while looking towards the future. Many traditions this time of the year embrace the concepts of introspection and hope. The fall harvest season is here and reminds all of us to recalibrate and find the balance so important in life.

As some of you may know, my wife Elizabeth and I founded a small production, licensed and bonded winery - Sycamore Ranch Vineyard and Winery, that is nurtured by love, the expectations of good things to come, as well as the camaraderie found when people work together for a common cause. It is grape harvest season and like every year, we wait until the grapes have perfectly ripened. It's a delicate balance to pick the grapes at just the right brix (sugar) and acid content. Sometimes a single day can mean the difference between a plump wine-ready grape, and a raisin. This is true in life as well. As we move into the final quarter of the year, we aspire to great outcomes, perfect moments and fulfilled expectations.

At Architerra, we are always striving to do what's best for our clients. Creativity and cost effectiveness are but part of the equation to reach our ultimate goal: your satisfaction. We are now well into our 25th year and after 25 fall seasons, it is safe to say that we still get nostalgic when we look back on a successful year, thinking of how we have helped all of our clients and partners achieve balance in their landscape design and planning projects.

Warm Regards,



Richard Krumwiede  
President, Architerra Design Group



President Richard Krumwiede and designer Mike Aguas represented Architerra, and the profession of landscape architecture, at the **9th Annual San Bernardino**

**County Water Conference** held at Cal State San Bernardino. "It was insightful to hear how each agency has implemented new guidelines," said Aguas about the messages presented at the conference, noting that they not only addressed the present crisis but "future water shortages as well."

Mr. Krumwiede was a featured panelist, discussing how landscape design can offer effective solutions, as well as aesthetics and value, via xeriscaping and water wise landscape design. "The recognition that the field of Landscape Architecture has been receiving over the past year due to the water crisis is warmly welcomed," Aguas continued, "The ability for a Landscape Architect to inform the public and political officials on a large stage is crucial to our collective mission." Architerra is always ready and available with expert analysis and personnel to meet your every landscape architecture need in these trying times of drought.

Photos of the event can be found courtesy of the sponsoring **Building Industry of America, Inland Empire Chapter**, and you can read an article on the conference from the **Inland Empire Business Weekly**, as well as view the **informational slides** from the panel presentation, of which Richard was a participant.

## Teamwork – A Winning Concept



Winning site plan utilized for presentation the Water Replenishment District.

Architerra and **SVA Architects** have a long and productive history of collaborative projects over the past several years. Recently, Architerra Director of Design Gregg Denson teamed with SVA associates Bob Simons, Paul Zaleski and Judy Cheng on the winning entry for the **Water Replenishment District (WRD)** of Southern California's new Advanced Water Treatment Facility (AWTF). The competition was held as part of the process to design a 45,000 square foot treatment facility that will be built on 5.2 acres along the San Gabriel River, in Pico Rivera. As part of the WRD's Groundwater Reliability Improvement Program (GRIP) the program uses recycled waste water to recharge local aquifers, eliminating the need for expensive and scarce imported water.

"It's always exciting to win," said Denson, "especially with high-profile projects that offer lasting value for everyone involved." Groundwater provides about 40 percent of all water used by over 4 million residents, and the district was looking for designs that "tell the story." The winning entry includes exterior interpretive and educational opportunities, along with trail access from the site to the adjacent San Gabriel River Trail. Community involvement is key to the success of the project, and the **District is holding community forums** to discuss the design along with its impact and desired results for constituents.

Winning is always a good feeling and when your team includes two of the top professional services firms in the state; the results appear stunning and effortless. Congratulations to the team members on a successful collaboration. We look forward to the ribbon cutting ceremony.

### Project Manager Notes

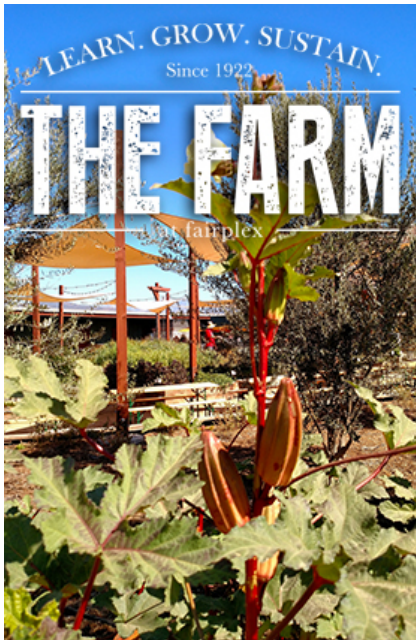
Josif Pelayo is assigned to the landscape retrofit and drought tolerant redesign for **six City of Rancho Cucamonga Fire Department Stations** conceptual design phase to begin shortly ... Kick-off meeting completed for the **Ford of Upland** landscape design of its new location under construction on 5.5 acres in The Colonies of North Upland, slated for opening later this year ...

David Powell is preparing construction documents for "Rancho 31," a **DR Horton Homebuilder** project with models, typicals and LMD design for 31 single family homes ... Two model Grand Openings - **Diversified Pacific's Orchard Collection** in Highland Hills and **Brookfield Homes New Haven** development in Ontario ...

Robert Collings started conceptual landscape design work for Dieppe-Dorchester's new mixed-used, transportation centric development featuring 201 residential units along with 24,000 sf of retail and commercial space via a renovated citrus packing house in **Historic Downtown Upland** ... Began conceptual design phase for **Pomona College** drought tolerant redesign and construction docs for exteriors of Pearsons and Alexander Halls ... Construction documents for the newly approved Architerra-designed **Downtown San Dimas Master Plan** ...

Allen Pan is busy working on several park projects including the **City of Claremont's** Shelton Park in Claremont, **KB Homes** Monument Park in Perris, and two of **Lennar's** eight pocket parks in the **Citrus Heights** development in Riverside ...

Jeff Chamlee noted that maintenance responsibilities for Celebration Park in the **Park Place** development of the New Model Colonies has officially transferred to the City of Ontario, and at last check the park was filling out nicely including the three interpretive gardens ...



It's Fair Season!

If it is fall it must be fair season at the **Los Angeles County Fair**. Design work from Architerra can be found at a few locations around Fairplex and among the most notable is The Farm - a productive urban demonstration garden.

We are especially pleased with the results and in its second year, it is showing and growing beautifully. Our friend **Lee Reeder** shot some current **photos**. We have put a few up on our Facebook page.

If you get a chance to go to the fair, do check out The Farm, we think you too will find it a healthy oasis apart from the fried fare on the midway!

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