

Santa Clara Pueblo receives EPA Green Infrastructure Award

EPA Region 6 Awards Santa Clara Pueblo at 20th Annual Stormwater Conference

ALBUQUERQUE, NM—August 22, 2018—The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 6 awarded Santa Clara Pueblo with the 2018 Outstanding Green Infrastructure/Low Impact Development Award at the 20th Annual Region 6 Stormwater Conference on August 22, 2018. Santa Clara earned the award for their abstract and poster submission, “*A Naturalistic Approach to Watershed Restoration and Flood Mitigation.*” The competition included seven entries from Region 6, including a waterfront improvement plan in the City of Fort Worth, Texas, and a rainwater catchment and irrigation system at Toyota North American Headquarters.

Santa Clara Pueblo received the 1st Place award for its unique and collaborative approach in emphasizing natural system function in its watershed restoration and flood mitigation design. The winning abstract and poster was developed and presented by Garrett Altmann, of the Forestry Department, and Paula Gutierrez from the Department of Emergency Management. The 2nd place award recipient was the Santa Fe Cathedral Place Rain Garden.



The EPA GI/LID Award (left); Garrett Altmann and Paula Gutierrez accepting the Award during the conference luncheon and awards ceremony (photo right).

The GI/LID Awards are meant to show appreciation for organizations that are using Green Infrastructure and Low Impact Design to manage storm water. By incorporating these techniques—the users honored with these awards are demonstrating the most groundbreaking and transformative possibilities of Green Infrastructure in storm water management.