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USGBC-LA's 21st My Green Building Conference & Expo Presents Annual Municipal, Civic & Product Awards

Two Day Event included TV's Jonathan Scott Keynote, CA Sen. Henry Stern, & Women Leading Sustainability Panel

LOS ANGELES (May 24, 2022) The [U.S. Green Building-Los Angeles Chapter's](#) (USGBC-LA) Municipal Building, Civic and, for the first time, Product Awards were presented at the 21st Annual [My Green Building Conference and Expo](#) (MyGBCE) on Friday, May 20. The Municipal Building Awards this year recognized 14 exceptional efforts in sustainable buildings within city or county government; the Civic Awards, presented to CA Sen. Henry Stern and California Energy Commission, recognize top state and local officials or civic entities for their work on impactful policy; and the new Product Awards recognized innovation in energy efficiency and embodied carbon, presented to Phase Change Solutions and Eureka MDF, respectively. All awards are listed below.

This year's two-day MyGBCE, May 20-21, 2022, embraced the theme "Accelerating Action Together", and rebranded the conference from "Municipal" to "My" GBCE, to emphasize and encourage everyone's role in addressing the urgency of the climate crisis. The hybrid event featured 15 sessions and workshops, five keynote addresses, a Power Panel of Women Leading Sustainability, a review of Industry Trends and Careers, Youth-focused programming including Green Schools activities and a panel of representatives from the Mayor's Youth Council, and a closing day musical performance by [AY Young](#), who powers his concerts with 100% renewable energy. The event also welcomed over 65 businesses and community groups as exhibitors. ([Initial announcement](#))

While all the keynotes addressed issues of the day with visionary inspiration, Marta Segura, Climate Emergency Mobilization Director for LA Dept. of Public Works, addressed resiliency and equity around emergency preparedness, and Jonathan Scott, Host/Producer Property Brothers, discussed making his home net zero and making net zero accessible to all, inspired by his documented journey through the "secret war against renewable energy".

"After hosting this event virtually for the past two years, it was so inspiring to deliver our reimagined vision of MyGBCE in person, it was fun, it was educational, and motivating for our community to accelerate action together the way we need to," says Ben Stapleton, USGBC-LA Executive Director. "From honoring the CEC's commitment to advance codes to introducing new awards around building decarbonization, to seeing Community Day be the

fun green building fair we wanted it to be, we can now build on this momentum to broaden the conversation around buildings as the entry point to transform Southern California into a more sustainable region for all.”

The conference had over 1,000 registrants, attracting a wide variety of those involved in the built environment, including architects, engineers, building owners, contractors, manufacturers, municipalities, utilities, public agencies, community groups / nonprofits, students/emerging professionals, and general public.

USGBC-LA thanks MyGBCE primary sponsors [LADWP](#), [Southern California Edison](#), and [Clean Power Alliance](#).

For further USGBC-LA information, or to be involved at MyGBCE 2023, please contact Ben Stapleton at ben@usgbc-la.org.

THE AWARDS LIST

CIVIC AWARDS:

- CA State Senator Henry Stern (27th District) was presented the **“Elected Official of the Year Award”** for his ongoing leadership on issues around wildfire resilience, renewable energy and building emissions.
- California Energy Commission received the **“Policy Leadership Award”** for their steadfast leadership on sustainability and for holding the line to advance building code in California for both electrification and renewable energy.

PRODUCT AWARDS:

- The new **“Energizing Efficiency Award”**, to honor the product or service helping us best address reducing operational carbon, went to Phase Change Solutions. They developed an innovative, organic phase-change material which can significantly help reduce energy use and building operating expense, and increase resiliency. In hotter climates or for summer, BioPCM® is tuned to actively absorb heat radiated from the environment, delaying the need for cooling. For cooler temperatures or in winter, the BioPCM® can be tuned to absorb and release stored heat.
- The new **“Mighty Materials Award”** was created to honor the material helping us best reduce embodied carbon in buildings. Eureka MDF was honored for developing an innovative approach, here in CA, using agricultural waste – in this case, rice straw – to deliver medium-density fiberboard (or MDF) that is used across construction, dramatically reducing waste and embodied carbon.

MUNICIPAL BUILDING AWARDS:

**[Click here](#) for an EcoMapLA tour of all the awarded buildings.*

Project: Veterans Affairs Loma Linda Eye Clinic

Project Owner: Veterans Affairs Loma Linda

About: The Veteran Affairs Loma Linda New Eye Clinic achieved LEED Platinum Certification for Health Care, with high performance in health outcomes, provided comfort to the occupants, and improved building performance. The project diverted 98% of waste construction from landfill; utilized 67% sustainably sourced materials; and reduced the energy cost up to 48% with the high-performance building envelope and allocation of 235kw of renewable energy generated from existing PV arrays on the campus.

Project: Rancho Los Amigos - SSB

Project Owner: Rancho Los Amigos National Rehab Center

About: Rancho Los Amigos National Rehab Center achieved LEED Gold Certification with an outstanding 90% Energy Star Qualified Equipment and 35% reduction in lighting power density. Other sustainability highlights include 75% diversion of construction and demolition debris and 40% reduction in indoor potable water use.

Project: Patton State Hospital – Central Kitchen

Project Owner: CA Department of General Services

About: The Department of State Hospitals-Patton New Main Kitchen in San Bernardino, received LEED Gold certification by focusing on creating a sustainable site, conserving water, installing environmentally preferable products, and creating healthy indoor air quality. The project earned an exemplary performance point for water use reduction by adopting quality stormwater management and low flow interior plumbing fixtures. Also notable are bicycle storage and EV parking stalls; diversion of 95% of the C&D waste; highly reflective paving and roof materials to mitigate Heat Island Effect; and access to natural daylight for 75% of regularly occupied spaces, addressing energy use and wellbeing.

Project: Kaiser New School of Medicine

Project Owner: Kaiser Permanente

About: The Kaiser New School of Medicine achieved LEED Gold certification last year adopting numerous sustainable design strategies including a transparent building facade that minimizes solar heat gains, lessens the energy demand for cooling, and serves as the main source of daylight into public circulation spaces while also offering exciting exterior views. Additionally, a high-tech control system allows more than 98% of the building's energy and water use to be monitored for top-tier efficiency. These sustainability design applications also empower greater mental and physical health for users.

Project: College of Extended Learning CSUSB

Project Owner: California State University San Bernardino

About: The College of Extended Learning at the Cal State University San Bernardino achieved LEED Platinum Certification with 48% improvement on baseline building performance rating. Self-shading overhangs, access to natural daylight and an Energy Star cool roof help reduce energy consumption, while a 160kw photovoltaic array offsets 50 percent of the building's energy use. One hundred percent of stormwater is collected and polished via bioswales.

Project: UCLA Pritzker Hall

Project Owner: University of California, Los Angeles

About: UCLA Pritzker Hall achieved LEED Platinum certification last year. Pritzker Hall is an eight-story building for students and staff involved in the psychology program. Project highlights include 90% Energy Star Qualified Equipment; 75% diversion of construction and demolition debris; 10% recycled content building materials and 30% reduction in indoor potable water use.

Project: Caltech Hameetman Center

Project Owner: California Institute of Technology

About: The Caltech Hameetman Center is an all-electric building with 238 solar panels installed. The Center achieved LEED Gold certification for new construction. Sustainability components related to energy efficiency, daylighting, water conservation and passive design were taken into consideration, including: shadow-box windows reduce solar heat-gain, light-tone walls and roof reduce heat-island effect, full height glazing to provide natural light and

quality views. Stormwater run-off is successfully managed and treated through a dry-well system.

Project: East Los Angeles College – Physics & Earth Sciences Building

Project Owner: Los Angeles Community College District

About: The East Los Angeles College - Physics & Earth Sciences Building achieved LEED Gold certification for new construction with 40% improvement on baseline building performance rating; 40% either recycled content or regionally extracted, harvested, recovered building materials; 50% diversion of C&D debris; 50% reduction in potable landscape water use, and 40% reduction in baseline indoor water use.

Project: WRD AWTF A+LC Building

Project Owner: Water Replenishment District (WRD)

About: The Water Replenishment District received LEED Platinum certification for its Advanced Water Treatment Facility and Administration & Learning Center building, with an outstanding 100% reduction in potable landscape water use, 40% reduction in baseline indoor water use; and 50% reduction in wastewater generation. They also achieved 48% improvement on baseline building performance rating and 75% diversion of C&D debris.

Project: Water Quality Laboratory

Project Owner: Inland Empire Utilities Agency

About: The Inland Empire Utilities Agency received LEED Gold Certification for new construction of its Water Quality Laboratory. The site's overall efficiency includes a 41% savings in energy costs and 85% reduction in potable water used for sewers. Utilizing recycled water for the landscape irrigation, along with an efficient design allows for a 20% reduction in landscape water use and 100% reduction in potable water for landscaping. Approximately 90% of the site's water is treated for pollution prior to entering the storm drain by using permeable paving, a wastewater retention pond and water clarifiers.

Project: CCSM Office Improvements

Project Owner: Community Corporation of Santa Monica

About: The Community Corporation of Santa Monica, a LEED Gold certified office, was renovated to maximize spatial efficiency of the small space, and create an office environment that is accessible, inviting and environmentally sustainable. Sustainability features include: operable windows for fresh air flow, ceiling fans, energy efficient lighting, and water-efficient fixtures in the kitchen and bathroom. Outcomes included: 35% reduction in lighting power density; 90% Energy Star Qualified Equipment; and 40% reduction in indoor potable water use.

Project: Terasaki Budokan

Project Owner: Little Tokyo Service Center

About: The Terasaki Budokan, a community project of Little Tokyo Service Center, has been certified LEED Gold for new construction. Its design exemplifies the tenet and practice of incorporating sustainable strategies throughout all phases of the project—from the design phase through construction and maintenance and operations. Green features include stormwater capture planters, drip irrigation, drought-resistant landscaping, energy-efficient LED lights and HVAC system, renewable energy solar panels, regionally-sourced construction materials, and EV chargers.

Project: LEED for Cities & Communities: City of Santa Monica

Project Owner: City of Santa Monica

About: The City of Santa Monica achieved LEED Platinum certification last year, the very first city to achieve that level in LEED for Cities Version 4.1 by achieving more than 80

points. LEED for Cities evaluated the City's performance on energy, water, waste, transportation, education, health, safety, prosperity, and equitability outcomes. Sustainability highlights include: reducing emissions 60% below 1990 levels by providing 100% renewable energy to 94% of properties in the city; adopting transportation programs to allow residents' access to transit, and the overall distribution of public amenities and outstanding outcomes associated with education attainment, civic participation, and community engagement.

Project: Vista Canyon Regional Transit Center

Project Owner: City of Santa Clarita

About: Vista Canyon Regional Transit Center in the City of Santa Clarita was awarded Envision Verified for Sustainable Infrastructure. The project's sustainable aspects include: improving community mobility and access, and encouraging sustainable transportation; stimulating the local economy by serving as a transit hub for the community; enhancing views and local character through design preserving the area's physical and natural beauty; and waste diversion rate of 64% during operations. This project will provide the community with a sustainable, safe and efficient transit center that encourages multiple modes of transportation, including bus, bike, and rail.

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About U.S. Green Building Council-Los Angeles

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About Municipal Green Building Conference and Expo (MGBCE)

Since its inception in 2001, MGBCE has become the longest-running and largest gathering of leading sustainability and green building advocates within both the public and private sectors in Southern California. This annual conference and trade show provides cutting-edge thought leadership, education, and networking opportunities to inform local government agencies, building industry professionals, and the general public about the principles, practices, and products associated with a sustainable built environment for all. (<https://usgbc-la.org/programs/mgbce/>)