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**The American Public Works Association Selects Hermosa Beach  
Strand Infiltration Trench as Project of the Year**

*Innovative Project Recognized as a Model for Other Cities' Efforts to Go Green*

**HERMOSA BEACH** – The Southern California Chapter of the American Public Works Association (APWA) will honor the City of Hermosa Beach for its innovative Strand Infiltration Trench Project with a 2010 B.E.S.T APWA Project of the Year Award at a special ceremony on Thursday, Dec. 9 in Lakewood.

The Southern California Chapter of the APWA represents more than 1,400 members throughout Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside and San Bernardino counties. The group's awards program recognizes public agencies for outstanding projects and programs, which can serve as models for other cities.

"We are pleased and gratified to have this recognition of the hard work and innovative efforts of our public works departments and the team responsible for the Strand Infiltration Trench Project," said Hermosa Beach Mayor Peter Tucker. "This project exemplifies the city's commitment to making Hermosa Beach a greener place to live, work and play."

Funding for the project came from a number of sources. California's Proposition 50 – the Clean Beaches Initiative – funded the project's planning and pre-construction. The Los Angeles County Flood Control District funded design of the project. And, construction and monitoring was funded by the Environmental Protection Agency with American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Stimulus Funds, which were received as California Clean Water State Revolving funds. APWA also honored the County of Los Angeles, which helped Hermosa Beach in the design of the Strand Infiltration Trench Project.

The Strand Infiltration Trench Project, which was completed earlier this year, captures urban runoff before it can reach the ocean and redirects its flow to a 1,000-foot long infiltration trench. The collected runoff is processed through a pretreatment system, which removes trash, sediment and hydrocarbons. The stormwater is then filtered by native sand to remove bacteria as it percolates safely down to the groundwater table. The process prevents local ocean waters being polluted by contaminated stormwater, and simultaneously recharges groundwater supplies.

The Strand Infiltration Trench Project is only one example of the city's commitment to promoting a cleaner environment, protecting water quality and encouraging conservation. Earlier this year, the city completed construction on the Pier Avenue Beautification Project – a complete refurbishment of the main artery through the heart of the City's popular commercial district. The project included design features that capture and filter stormwater runoff through a below-ground infiltration system hidden beneath the new landscaped wider street corners and the center median along the length of the popular street. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 9, Pacific Southwest Division honored the Pier Avenue project with a "2010 Environmental Achievement Award for Low Impact Development for Water Quality" on Dec. 2.

For more information on other environmental and conservation projects in Hermosa Beach, please visit the city's "Green" webpage at <http://www.hermosabch.org/residents/green/>.

**About Hermosa Beach**

Founded in 1907, Hermosa Beach is known as "the best little beach city." It is a thriving community of some 20,000 residents located on the southern end of Santa Monica Bay in Los Angeles County, and its beaches have been ranked among the best in the world. To learn more, please visit [www.hermosabch.org](http://www.hermosabch.org).

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