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Drylands Design Conference: A Challenge to the Design Community in CA

On March 23, 2012, the Drylands Design Conference challenged architects and planners to become leaders in designing the built environment within the constraints of water, energy, and climate change.

The conference, co-sponsored by the California Architectural Foundation and the Arid Lands Institute at Woodbury University, was the result of a shared vision for a future in which the landscapes and communities of the West are environmentally, culturally, and economically resilient in the face of climate change. Attendees included architects, landscape architects, and engineers with leading policy analysts, scientists, and environmental leaders to debate a range of design strategies for the future. Read more

AIACC Reviewing Legislation: Need Your Help

The AIACC’s Advocacy Advisory Committee, a committee comprising architects from many types of practice, an attorney, and an insurance, is set to review more than 50 bills introduced by the Legislature for their potential impact. Read more

Planning to Attend the AIA Convention in Washington D.C.?

Join your colleagues in California for a Town Hall conference call to discuss issues facing the organization on April 27, 2012 from 2-4 p.m. Read more

The Office of the State Architect: An Update

Chet Weldon, FAIA was appointed as California’s 19th State Architect on January 1, 2012. During the interview process, Governor Brown charged Chet with a complex design problem: to redesign state government. Read more

Share the Wonders of Architecture with the Public

The AIACC will soon be launching a page on aiacc.org through which we hope to share the wonders of architecture with the public. Among the sections will be listings of destinations, lodgings, and eateries of architectural interest. Read more
California Housing Trends: A Ray of Hope?

It’s one thing to talk about the decline in California’s housing production market, but quite another when you see it graphically; it’s really quite sobering. This chart illustrates not only the rise and fall of housing production, but also provides us with a bit of optimism. Read more

CALGreen Building Code: Tools to Help You Maximize Your Design

Looking for tools to document all of the provisions of CALGreen during plan check? The AIACC has developed CALGreen checklists for both residential and commercial projects to assist design professionals in documenting all of the provisions of CALGreen. Read more

Californians Recognized by Wood Products Council for Exceptional Design

EHDD Architects of San Francisco and Tipping Malt of Berkeley won in the Green Building category for Marin Country Day School in Corda Madera, the first net-zero-energy classroom building in North America. Read more

Announcing New CAF Website

It gives me great pleasure to announce that, through the hard work of our new Executive Director, Anne Laird Blanton, AIA and the staff of AIACC we have just launched a new and much improved website for the California Architectural Foundation/CAF. Read more

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