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San Elijo Joint Powers Authority has been nominated to receive an Orchid for Public Architecture for its Water Campus Improvement Project, in Encinitas CA. The project includes a new Operations and Visitor Center that is a two-story building that includes both curvilinear and angular elements. The modern building consolidates the agency's operational needs and provides a welcoming setting for public outreach, education and collaborative research. In addition, the project included more than 0.6-megawatt solar power, stormwater capture and reuse, public bike and walking paths, electric vehicle charging, and 31 public parking spaces to serve both the Water Campus and the adjacent San Elijo Lagoon Nature Preserve.

"Our reimagined Water Campus includes new element that improves our ability to treat and recycle stormwater and wastewater, as well as to engage the public," General Manager Mike Thornton said.

The San Diego Architectural Foundation is taking votes and comments for Orchids and Onions on its website through Friday, Sept. 29. Comments are encouraged and activate an algorithm that determines how winners are selected.

Winners will be announced during an awards event Oct. 5.

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