

2026 STAR Awards Winners

Animal Services

4	CityTV, City of Lakewood - SEAACA Wild Tunes	
3	County of San Diego -A Day in the Life of an Animal Services Officer	
2	San José Fire Department - From Rescue to Adoption: Lucky's Story	
1	Costa Mesa Television (CMTV) - City of Costa Mesa — “TeWinkle Lakes - A Turtle Tale”	

Annual Report/Budget

4	County of Ventura Human Services Agency -County of Ventura Human Services Agency 2024-25 Annual Report	
3	CityTV- City of Lakewood -TEAMWORK Annual Report	
2	City of Mountain View - About the Budget: Fiscal Year 2025-26	
1	OC Waste & Recycling — “OC Waste & Recycling Annual Report Director's Message”	

Arts and Entertainment

4	Riverside County Office of Economic Development - Riverside County Arts and Culture Month 2026	
3	Town of Apple Valley - Spotlight on Arts: Little Shop of Horrors	
2	City of Torrance - Samurai of the Diamond Mural Unveiling in Torrance	
1	LA City Channel 35 - “Tina Knowles Champions Community Change Through the Arts in LA”	

City/County Services Information Video

4	Cucamonga Valley Water District - The Journey of CVWD's Water	
3	OC Waste & Recycling - OC Waste & Recycling, Battery Disposal at Household Hazardous Waste Collection Center	

2	SFGovTV -Chinatown Connected	
1	San José Fire Department — “Emergency Notifications with Genasys Protect”	

Community Awareness (1 full-time video staff)

4	Cucamonga Valley Water District - 2025 Water Professionals Appreciation Week	
3	City of Foster City - How To: Navigate District Elections	
2	Cucamonga Valley Water District -The Journey of CVWD's Water	
1	City of Hayward — “Hayward Fire Department's ROP 2025”	

Community Awareness (2 or more full-time video staff)

4	County of San Diego -Senior Volunteers Harvest Goodness and Turn Surplus into Service	
3	Town of Apple Valley - Take the Survey!	
2	Riverside County Department of Child Support Services - Child Support Awareness Month	
1	RivCoTV — “Movie Ads with Supervisor Yxstian Gutierrez”	

Community Event Coverage (1 full-time video staff)

4	City Manager's Office City of Modesto - 2025 Graffiti Parade	
3	Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District -EVMWD Celebrates 75 Years of Service	
2	City of Lancaster - TeamUp Lancaster Community Clean Up	
1	City of Goleta — “Goleta's 4th of July Drone Light Show Highlight Video”	

Community Event Coverage (2-3 full-time video staff)

4	City of Torrance - 2025 Torrance Turkey Trot	
3	Garden Grove TV3 - Garden Grove Strawberry Festival Parade 2025	
2	City of Menifee - Spring Fest 2026 in Menifee	
1	Riverside County District Attorney's Office — “2026 National Crime Victims' Rights Week Candlelight Vigils Recap”	

Community Event Coverage (4 or more full-time video staff)

4	Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) - 2026 LADWP Tap-Off Safety and Emergency Preparedness Fair	
3	Long Beach Television -Cruisin' Long Beach: Celebrando La Cultura Lowrider	
2	RivCoTV - Cherry Festival	
1	San Bernardino County — “Bloomington-Ayala Park Splash Pad”	

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

4	LA City Channel 35 - These "Cookiepreneurs" are Changing the Face of Autism	
3	Riverside County Dept. of Public Social Services - HEALTHY CROWNZ	
2	California Energy - In Pursuit of Tribal Energy Sovereignty	
1	City of Corona — “Representation Matters: Celebrating Women in Civic Leadership”	

Economic Development

4	Contra Costa County Employment & Human Services Department - Creating Jobs Through Partnerships	
3	SFGovTV -SF's First Year Free Initiative: Rikki's Sports Bar	
2	City of Hayward -Hayward Restaurant Month	
1	City of Eastvale — “Business First”	

Education/Schools

4	Dry Creek Joint Elementary School District -Breaking Barriers, One Note at a Time	
3	CA-NV Section, AWWA - H2O Know	
2	Riverside County Dept. of Public Social Services	
1	Costa Mesa Television (CMTV) - City of Costa Mesa — “Estancia H.S. Students Refresh City's Snoopy House Displays”	

Emergency Management/Emergency Operations Center (EOC)

4	San Bernardino County Office of Emergency Services -2025 December Adverse Weather	
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3	City of Rancho Palos Verdes - Equine Evacuation Drill	
2	City of Torrance -Get Ready for the Great ShakeOut	
1	City of Santa Cruz — “Partial Collapse of the Santa Cruz Municipal Wharf Recap”	

Environmental Issues

4	City of Torrance -Torrance Visits Recycling Facility	
3	SFGovTV -Environment Youth Summit 2025	
2	San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District (Valley Air District) - How to Make a DIY Air Purifier	
1	ReGen Monterey and Salinas Valley Recycles — “Sort with Heart”	

Ethnic Experience

4	City of Moreno Valley - MV3 - ¡Honremos a los difuntos en el Día de los Muertos 2025 de Moreno Valley!	
3	LA City Channel 35 -Latino Carnaval in South Central	
2	City of Glendale - Glendale Revitalizes Sister Cities Program	
1	Costa Mesa Television (CMTV) - City of Costa Mesa — “Folklorico At Costa Mesa's Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration”	

General Interest Story

4	City of Goleta -"Ellwood Mesa: Beyond the Bluffs"	
3	City of Cerritos -CCPA Sound System Upgrade	
2	Port of San Diego -People at the Park	
1	SFGovTV — “Concrete Mecca: San Francisco's Skateboarding Legacy”	

Graphic Animation

4	SFGovTV -TTX Building Toward The Future: The Economic Justice Center -- English	
3	City of Fairfield - Meet the Trash Monsters	
2	City of Moreno Valley - MV3 - Introducing Moreno Valley's Virtual Assistants	

1	City of Moreno Valley - MV3 — “Introducing the All-New MoVal 24/7 Mobile App!”	
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Health- Public Health /Mental Health

4	San José Fire Department -Burned by Lies: The Top 6 Sunscreen Myths	
3	County of San Diego - Flu Pods	
2	First 5 Riverside County & Riverside County Dept. of Public Social Services - First 5 Riverside County & DPSS Golden Ticket	
1	County of Santa Clara — “Medi-Cal Matters - County of Santa Clara”	

Historical

4	Transportation Corridor Agencies -Transportation Corridor Agencies - Building The Toll Roads in Orange County	
3	City of Norwalk - Senior Center 25th Anniversary	
2	County of San Diego - The Jewel on the Bay - The San Diego County Administration Center	
1	LA City Channel 35 — “Breaking Barriers: Women of LAPD”	TIE
1	Long Beach Television — “Finding the Queen Mary’s “Lost” Propellers (They Aren’t Where You Think)”	TIE

Homeless Solutions

4	Riverside County Dept. of Public Social Services -Welcome Home	
3	LA City Channel 35 - Breaking the Cycle: Overcoming Homelessness in Los Angeles	
2	Costa Mesa Television (CMTV) - City of Costa Mesa -Costa Mesa's Network for Homeless Solutions	
1	The County of Fresno — “More Than a Number: Fresno County’s Point-in-Time Count”	

Human Interest

4	First 5 Riverside County & Riverside County Dept. of Public Social Services -First 5 Riverside County & DPSS Golden Ticket	
3	LA City Channel 35 - Breaking Barriers: Women of LAPD	

2	City of Fairfield -Honoring Black History Month - Jesse Branch	
1	LA City Channel 35 — “Changing a Light Bulb 1000' Above Los Angeles”	

Instruction/Training

4	San Bernardino County - Disaster Service Worker	
3	Ventura County Employees' Retirement Association -New Employee Orientation	
2	County of San Diego - During Federal Enforcement Action	
1	County of Ventura: County Executive Office — “Bennie the Benefits Elephant: Open Enrollment Q&A”	

Interview/Talk Show/Podcast

4	City of Rialto - Rialto Network - Essence Tabletalk	
3	California Highway Patrol -California Highway Patrol "Behind the Badge" Podcast	TIE
3	Riverside County Dept. of Public Social Services -The Service Station	TIE
2	City of Westlake Village - Visiting the Village	
1	Transportation Corridor Agencies — “Transportation Corridor Agencies - Building The Toll Roads in Orange County (copy) (copy)”	

Library

4	City of Foster City - How To: Explore the Foster City Library	
3	City of Irvine -Katie Wheeler Library Opening	
2	LA City Channel 35 - LA Central Library Opens 100-Year-Old Time Capsule	
1	Contra Costa County Library — “Meet Roxy the Fox”	

Military/Veterans

4	LA City Channel 35 - Los Angeles Fire Department's Veteran Nicholas Darcy	
3	City of Irvine - Flying Leatherneck Aviation Museum Groundbreaking	
2	City of Lancaster - Edwards Air Force Base Nondestructive Inspection Team	

1	The County of Fresno — “Honor Flight 31: Central Valley Veterans Visit Washington D.C.”	
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News or Magazine Show

4	RivCoTV - The Rundown with Pep	
3	Studio215 - ieNOW's "Weekly Update: EBike	
2	City of Menifee - Street Sweeping in Action! – Menifee in the Works	
1	City of Riverside - RiversideTV — “Inside Riverside Ep 66”	

Parks and Recreation (1 full-time video staff or fewer)

4	City of Lancaster - Underwater Photos with Santa	
3	City of Riverside - RiversideTV - City of Riverside - Cynthia "Sippy" Woodhead Women History	
2	City of Roseville - Parks, Rec & Libraries - Gold Medal Award Video	
1	City of Modesto City Manager's Office — “City of Modesto's First Major Park Renovation Project 2026”	

Parks and Recreation (2 or more full-time video staff)

4	City of Torrance - Train Rides at Wilson Park	
3	City of Rialto - Rialto Network - Joe Sampson Park - 360° Walking Tour	
2	San Bernardino County - Santa Ana River Trail Ride Along	
1	Long Beach Television - “LB Parks and Play: Almost Ballet”	

Profile- Department

4	SFGovTV - San Francisco Public Works Parade Cleanup	
3	Long Beach Television - Long Beach Fleet Services Is Hiring!	
2	LA City Channel 35 - Changing a Light Bulb 1000' Above Los Ange	
1	LA City Channel 35 — “Breaking Barriers: Women of LAPD”	

Profile- Employee (1 full-time video staff)

2	West Valley Water District - Behind the Scenes at WVWD: A Day in the Life	
1	California Joint Powers Insurance Authority — “Employment Hotline Video”	

Profile- Employee (2 or more full-time video staff)

4	City of Torrance - Women's History Month 2026	
3	San Bernardino County Office of Emergency Services - Day in the Life: OES PIO	
2	Walnut Valley Water District - "Life at WVWD" Series	
1	County of Santa Clara — “Santa Clara County Corrections Janitorial Skills Program”	

Profile-Resident, Business or Organization

4	Long Beach Television - 2026 Key to the City: WAR	
3	LA City Channel 35 - Taste of the World Cup - Argentina	
2	City of Irvine - Irvine Influencers: Claudia Bonilla Keller - Second Harvest Food Bank	
1	SFGovTV — “Old Skool Cafe & DCYF: Empowering SF Youth Through Food & Mentorship”	

Promotion of a City/County/Public Agency (1 full-time video staff)

3	County of San Diego Health and Human Services - Polinsky New Library	
2	Eastern Municipal Water District - 2025 EMWD Employee Video	
1	The County of Fresno — “Fresno County Heroes: Veterans Services Office (VSO) Team”	

Promotion of a City/County/Public Agency (2 or more full-time video staff)

4	City of Menifee - Menifee, A City For Families	
3	City of Torrance - #WhyTorrance	

2	County of San Diego - County Opens Doors To Hundreds of New Affordable Homes in 2025	
1	City of Fairfield — “Welcome to Fairfield”	

Promotion of an Event/Program (1 or more full-time video staff)

4	County of San Diego Health & Human Services - Rent to a Veteran this Veteran's Day	
3	San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District - Stockton Lawnmower Trade-In & Tune-In Tune-Up	
2	Walnut Valley Water District - Sneak Peek: Check Out Our New Headquarters at the Water Festival	
1	County of Riverside Executive Office — “RivCo: A Culture of Winning”	

Promotion of an Event/Program (2 or more full-time video staff)

4	City of Rialto - Rialto Network - Join us for Rialto on Wheels	
3	City of Moreno Valley - MV3 - ¡Únase al Grito de Independencia en El Grito 2025 de Moreno Valley!	
2	City of Moreno Valley - MV3 - Grab Eggs & Win Big	
1	SFGovTV — “Welcome to San Francisco: Our City Is Ready for Super Bowl LX!”	

Public Affairs

4	City of Menifee - Menifee Town Hall with Acting Mayor, Bob Karwin	
3	KOCT Oceanside - KOCT's North County Roundtable: Mayors of North County	
2	City of Irvine - Non-Profit Week Irvine	
1	SFGovTV — “SFGovTV In Person: CANA”	

Public Information Series

4	City of Moreno Valley - MV3 - MoVal Now	
3	City Of Perris - Did You Know? With Sarina Marie	
2	Riverside County District Attorney's Office - E-bike PSA Safety	
1	Town of Apple Valley — “Little Locals BIG NEWS”	

Public Safety-Fire/EMS

4	LA City Channel 35 - LA's New Firefighters Are Simply the G.O.A.T.	
3	City of Riverside - RiversideTV - City of Riverside Fire Department Core Values	
2	County of San Diego - First EMS Corps Training Class Graduates in San Diego County	
1	The County of Fresno — “From Paper Maps to Precision: How One Fire Chief Revolutionized Mountain Rescue”	

Public Safety-Law Enforcement

4	Town of Apple Valley - S.H.O.C.K.	
3	LA City Channel 35 - Distracted Driving Awareness	
2	City of Eastvale - Holiday Safety 101	
1	Menifee Police Department — “2026 Menifee PD Every15 Minutes”	

Public Service Announcement

4	County of San Diego - Don't Let Your Feast Turn Into a Deep Fried Turkey Disaster	
3	City of Rancho Palos Verdes - Goats PSA	
2	City of Torrance - Columbia Park Renaming Survey	
1	City of Rancho Palos Verdes — “Rattlesnake PSA”	

Public/Community Meetings

4	City of Moreno Valley - MV3 - City Council 2026	
3	LA City Channel 35 - A Tribute to Celia Cruz	
2	RivCoTV - Riverside County Board of Supervisors Meetin	
1	LA City Channel 35 — “Diwali Celebration 2025”	

Seniors

4	Walnut Valley Water District - Dancing Through Septembe	
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3	RivCoTV - Senior Inspiration Awards	
2	County of San Diego - Saving Our Seniors From Elder Fraud	
1	Riverside County Dept. of Public Social Services — “Welcome Home”	

Social Media - Long Form (Over 60 seconds - 1 full-time video

3	Menifee Police Department - Wait a minute, that is not the postman!	
2	Eastern Municipal Water District - 75th Anniversary Corn Maze Reveal	
1	West Valley Water District — “No Mission Is Impossible: Inspired Tribute to Water Professionals Week”	

Social Media - Long Form (Over 60 seconds - 2 or more full-time video staff)

4	West Valley Water District - Through the WVWD Lens: California Special Districts Legislative Days	
3	Garden Grove TV3 - Burnt Umber Coffee in Garden Grove	
2	Alameda County Office of Education - Growing Through Guidance: Voices from ACOE's Counselor Residency	
1	SFGovTV — “Perfect Days: Mission District”	

Social Media - Short Form (Under 60 seconds - 1 full-time video staff)

4	City of Riverside - RiversideTV - City of Riverside - Black History Month	
3	City of Modesto City Manager's Office - Modesto Minute	
2	Livermore Police Department - E-Bike Safety	
1	South Tahoe Public Utility District — “Choose Your Character: The Flushables”	

Social Media - Short Form (Under 60 seconds - 2 or more full-time video staff)

4	City of Moreno Valley - MV3 - Grab Eggs & Win Big	
3	The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California - Admin Professionals Day	
2	City of Moreno Valley - MV3 - MoVal's next Hike to the Top is on January 17, 2021	

1	Walnut Valley Water District — “Tap Water Is So Fetch!”	
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Social Media- Best Trending

4	San Bernardino County Office of Emergency Services - Mean Girls Meet Emergency Preparedness	
3	Menifee Police Department -This Feels Illegal	
2	City of Carlsbad Police Department - Introducing Our First Police Feline	
1	Coachella Valley Water District — “The One Million View Reel That Humanized Public Service”	

Social Media Campaign or Series (1 full-time video staff)

4	City of Riverside - RiversideTV - City of Riverside - Celebrate 25 Years of Tree Power	
3	Irvine Ranch Water District - "Good Water. Great Neighborhoods" water quality campaign	
2	Western Placer Waste Management Authority - How Recycling Happens	
1	Livermore Police Department — “E-Bike Safety”	

Social Media Campaign or Series (2 or more full-time video staff)

4	Coachella Valley Water District - Reaching 1 Million Views Through Employee Storytelling	
3	San Bernardino County - "Day in the Life" Social Media Video Series	
2	The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California - “High-precision irrigation water delivery specialist” series	
1	City of Roseville Environmental Utilities — “What the heck is that?”	

Social Media- Event Promotion/Recap (1 full-time video staff or fewer)

4	City of Riverside - RiversideTV - Visit Riverside - Concert at the Park	
3	City of Riverside - RiversideTV - City of Riverside - Festival of Lights	
2	City of Cerritos - Festival of Friendship 2026	
1	County of Riverside Executive Office — “RivCo: A Culture of Winning Recap”	

Social Media- Event Promotion/Recap (2 or more full-time video staff)

4	City of Moreno Valley - MV3 - MoVal's next Hike to the Top is on January 17, 2026!	
3	City Of Perris - Perris-Con 2025	
2	Garden Grove TV3 - Foods of Garden Grove LIVE Promo	
1	Costa Mesa Television (CMTV) - City of Costa Mesa — “Costa Mesa Teen Program Spooktacular Pumpkin Palooza”	

Special Audience

4	City of Fairfield - West Texas Street is Open for Business	
3	City of Irvine - DAXBOT Accessibility Robots	
2	East Bay Municipal Utility District - H2Flow en Español	
1	County of San Diego — “County Accessible Ballfield Reopens as Padres Park”	

Sports Programming-Edited

4	City of Rancho Palos Verdes - Playing the Field - Challenged Athletes Foundation	
3	CityTV City of Lakewood - Athlete of the Year	
2	City of Riverside - RiversideTV - Sports in Riverside - Building a City of Champions	
1	City of Costa Mesa — “Motorhome Madness Demolition Derby 2025”	

State of the City/County/Town

4	City of Palm Springs - City of Palm Springs 2025 State of the City Video	
3	RivCoTV - Riverside County State of the County	
2	County of Santa Clara - The State of the County of Santa Clara 2026	
1	CITY OF CARSON, CA — “2026 State of the City Address - “Carsonardy!””	

Transportation

4	Costa Mesa Television (CMTV) - City of Costa Mesa - Costa Mesa's First Bike Bus Is Off To A Rolling Success!	
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3	City of Menifee - Bradley Road Bridge Update: Safer, Flood-Free Access Coming Soon	
2	RTA & RivCoTV - RTA Kindness Counts	
1	Transportation Corridor Agencies — “Transportation Corridor Agencies - Building The Toll Roads in Orange County”	

Water: Conservation & Sustainability

4	City of Riverside - RiversideTV - City of Riverside - RFD PumpPod	
3	CityTV City of Lakewood - Groundwater Rights Lease Agreement	
2	The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California - Jeff Parker Collaboration	
1	City of Torrance — “TFD's New Training Device”	

Water: Education & Awareness

4	Coachella Valley Water District - CVWD Services: Your water is our promise.	
3	City of Roseville Environmental Utilities - Groundwater Awareness Week: Roseville's Groundwater Story	
2	Cucamonga Valley Water District - The Journey of CVWD's Water	
1	East Bay Municipal Utility District — “H2Flow en Español”	

Water: Operations & Infrastructure

4	Vallecitos Water District - Tres Amigos Pipeline Replacement	
3	SFGovTV - PUC Kubota Pipe Installation	
2	LA City Channel 35 - Inside Hyperion: How L.A. Transforms Wastewater	
1	The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California — “Lake Mathews Gate Repair”	

Consultant Brand Awareness

4	City of Ojai - My Ojai: Building Community Connection Through Claymation	
3	City of Palm Springs - City of Palm Springs Tourism Promo 2026	
2	Valley Water - Flyin' Over Santa Clara County: A journey with Valley Water	TIE

2	City of Palm Springs - Palm Springs International Film Festival	TIE
1	Eastern Municipal Water District — “EMWD 75th Anniversary Documentary”	TIE
1	City of Riverside - RiversideTV — “Life Works Here - Parks and Facilities”	TIE

Consultant Education

4	City of Ojai - My Ojai Claymation Campaign	
3	West Valley Water District - Investing in our Future - The Value of Water	
2	LA Metro & Arellano Associates - Sepulveda Transit Corridor City of Riverside - RiversideTV	
1	Eastern Municipal Water District — “Landscapes for Living Video Series”	TIE
1	City of Riverside - RiversideTV — “Life Works Here - The Arts”	TIE

Content Creator of the Year (1 full-time video staff)

4	City of Piedmont	
3	ReGen Monterey	
2	Cucamonga Valley Water District	
1	County of Riverside Executive Office — “Content Creator of the Year”	

Content Creator of the Year (2-3 full-time video staff)

4	City of Rialto	
3	Walnut Valley Water District	
2	Riverside County Dept. of Public Social Services	
1	Costa Mesa Television (CMTV) - City of Costa Mesa — “Costa Mesa Television (CMTV) - City of Costa Mesa”	

Content Creator of the Year (4 or more full-time video staff)

4	Long Beach Television	
3	County of San Diego	
2	LA City Channel 35	
1	SFGovTV — “SFGovTV Content Creator of the Year (4 or more FT video staff)”	

Member Choice Award

LA City Channel 35 - Changing a Light Bulb 1000' Above Los Angeles