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International Design Conference Set for Sacramento

Sacramento – January 10, 2006 — The Environmental Design Research Association (EDRA) recently announced that it will hold its 2007 conference at Sacramento’s Sheraton Grand Hotel May 29 to June 3, 2007. The international conference attracts architects, designers, urban planners, landscape architects, researchers, educators, students and others from around the world.

“We are very excited to host the conference here in Sacramento. This is a great opportunity for both EDRA and the Sacramento region,” said Janice Bissell of Stafford King Wiese ARCHITECTS whose idea it was to bring the association’s 38th conference to Sacramento. “EDRA is a unique conference that brings together researchers and practitioners in the design fields to share ideas and knowledge, and work toward practicable design solutions. Given that this is a design conference, naturally it is also about the *place* as well. The “City of Trees” provides an ideal forum for EDRA38 attendees to explore this conference’s theme: “Creating Sustainable Communities.”

EDRA is an interdisciplinary organization founded in 1968 by design professionals, social scientists, students, educators and facility managers. The association works to improve understanding of the interrelationships between people, their built and natural surroundings, thus helping to create environments responsive to human needs.

Conferences include numerous speakers, seminars, workshops and paper presentations on a wide variety of topics, receptions, awards ceremonies and chances for attendees to tour and become involved with important local sites. This will be the first time EDRA has held its annual conference in Sacramento. Atlanta, Vancouver, Albuquerque, Minneapolis and Edinburgh, Scotland have all hosted recent conferences.

“In the past fifteen years Sacramento has matured into a fantastic place to live and work. It’s time to share this hidden jewel of a city with this group of people who so appreciate thoughtful design solutions to tough problems,” Bissell said.

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