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**City of Gilroy Receives
AWARD OF EXCELLENCE
from the California Park & Recreation Society
for the Christopher High School Aquatic Center**

The City of Gilroy has received an Award of Excellence from the California Park & Recreation Society for the Christopher High School Aquatic Center. The City of Gilroy Recreation Department is being recognized in the category of Excellence in Design – Aquatics Facility Design and will be honored at the 2013 California and Pacific Southwest Recreation and Park Training Conference, held in San Jose, CA, March 6-8, 2013.

The Christopher High School Aquatic Center is a joint project between the City of Gilroy and the Gilroy Unified School District. Features include the zero entry pool, height and age appropriate water slides and play structure, water sprays and motor development appropriate areas. A competition pool with diving boards is also available. The features in the aquatics center encourage children and adults to be active and playful while participating in water activities and are usable for individuals of all swimming abilities.

According to Maria De Leon, Recreation Department Director, “The CPRS awards program is the highest recognition our agency can receive and our award is a credit to the staff, volunteers and partners that made this happen. We are honored to receive this award on behalf of our residents.”

CPRS Executive Director Jane H. Adams states, “These agencies represent the finest in recreation programming and community wide initiatives, park planning, facility design, and marketing and communications in California. Park and recreation agencies throughout the state provide families, individuals, and groups access to the serenity and inspiration of nature; spaces and places for play and exercise; opportunities for directed and self-directed recreation; positive alternatives for youth to reduce crime and mischief; and activities that facilitate social connections, human development, therapy, the arts, and lifelong learning. CPRS and the award sponsors, Rain Bird, Little Tikes Commercial Play Systems, and RJM Design Group, Inc., are proud to recognize the excellent parks, recreation programs, services and facilities provided to Californians.”

The California Park & Recreation Society presented awards in 5 categories:

- Creating Community Award of Excellence
- Excellence in Design – Park Planning
- Excellence in Design – Facility Design
- Marketing & Communications Award of Excellence
- Professional & Service

CPRS is a membership organization with 3400 members representing the 535 local parks and recreation agencies throughout the state. The mission of CPRS is to advance the profession and its members through education, networking, resources, and advocacy.

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