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## **Fancher Creek Water Retention Facility Project Receives Recognition from ASCE for Outstanding Project**

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The Fresno Branch of the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) selects only one civil engineering project a year to be named Outstanding Project. On May 8, 2008, it was awarded to BSK Associates of Fresno and Blair, Church, & Flynn Engineers (BC&F) of Clovis for their design and role in the construction of the Fancher Creek Detention Basin operated by Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District. The award was presented at the ASCE Spring Banquet Awards held at the Downtown Club, in Fresno.

Criteria used to determine if a project is worthy of the award included its impact on society, special design issues and whether the project was completed on time and within budget. This project met all the criteria. The Fancher Creek Detention Basin, a 273-acre stormwater detention facility, is the first line of defense against damage to homes, businesses and farms from floodwaters that can overflow local waterways running through heavily populated parts of Fresno, the basin was designed to control runoff resulting from a series of five 200 year return period, 96 hour rainfall events occurring over a 30 day period. According to Kurt Hupp, Rural Program Manager, “the project ran on time and within budget for both the design and construction.”

Key personnel involved in the design were civil design engineer David Mowry, of BC&F and for the geotechnical design, BSK Associates personnel included Hugo Kevorkian, as project manager and lead geotechnical engineer, Michael Fiest as QA/QC manager, Lloyd Suehiro, as geotechnical engineer, and Jon Schnieder as lead soil technician.

“It is quite an honor to be recognized by your peers for providing outstanding engineering service. Congratulations to all the team members,” said Amer Hussain, Vice President of Engineering.

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