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Mutual Housing nominated for real estate award

Mutual Housing at the Highlands, a 90-apartment community in North Highlands, has been nominated by the Sacramento Business Journal for their 2011-2012 Real Estate Projects award. Winners will be announced September 21.

Sacramento|Yolo Mutual Housing Association's 16th community is one of 17 projects chosen as finalists for the award. Projects such as Sacramento International Airport Terminal B, UC Davis West Village and the California State Lottery Headquarters also were nominated.

"We are honored to be included with these other amazing projects," said Rachel Iskow, Mutual Housing's executive director. "The nominee list makes clear that in spite of a grueling economy, many dedicated real estate developers are striving for environmental sustainability in their projects and that the Sacramento region persists as a green leader in California."

Sacramento architect Cynthia Easton, Chico-based project manager Sunseri

Construction, Inc., and Sacramento-based Meline Engineering as well as Redwood Energy's Sean Armstrong worked to make sure that the apartment orientation, insulation, advanced glass in the windows and other design features kept the utility bills 30 percent lower than usual for tenants.

Apartments also have tankless water heaters and a recycling center in each. Solar panels for the offices, laundry and community rooms also help keep down ongoing energy costs.

Eight years in the making, the Highlands opened in December 2011.

Other finalists were Citrus Town Center Remodel, Forestwood at Folsom, Gateway Community Charters, Greyhound Terminal, Hotel Berry, La Valentina, Palladio at Broadstone, Rochdale Grange, Sam Len Hillel house, San Juan High School Modernization, 3Fold Communications Tenant Improvement, Weintraub Tobin Chediak Coleman Grodin Tenant Improvement.



Gertie, a found metal sculpture by Steve Cook, greets residents and visitors alike at Mutual Housing at the Highlands.