PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The new Cuyamaca College Student Center opened in 2007 to serve as the new hub of student life on campus. The two-story building houses the bookstore, food services, student affairs offices, health center, student government and club offices, and meeting rooms. Open spaces dominate the architecture of the Student Center, with a large plaza for student functions, a deck area overlooking the grand lawn, and a small gathering area shaded by a grove of trees. Innovative sustainability features built into the Student Center include a rainwater collection and filtering system designed to clean water prior to entering local watersheds.

SPECIAL FEATURES

- New bookstore, health center, offices, and meeting rooms
- Three new communal open spaces
- Houses food services
- Headquarters of student government

SUSTAINABLE FEATURES

- Construction materials include linoleum, high-recycled-content carpeting
- Utilized polished concrete in order to lessen the use of glues and adhesives in the building
- Utilizes native planting materials that require less water
- Low-Emission (Low-E) glazing on windows
- Utilizes overhangs to shade building windows and suppress the overall heat gain
- Collects rain water and filters prior to discharging into storm drain
- Water overflow directed onto lawn to filter further before re-entering groundwater

The project qualified for Sempra Energy’s by Design Program rebates by surpassing the minimum energy savings requirements set forth by the State of California.

The construction of the Cuyamaca College Student Center broke ground in spring 2006 and was completed in the fall of 2007.
PROJECT NAME .................................................. CUYAMACA COLLEGE STUDENT CENTER
FUNDING SOURCE ................................. PROPOSITION R STUDENT FEES
ARCHITECT .................................................. LPA ARCHITECTS
CONSTRUCTION MANAGER............... RUDOLPH AND SLETEN/GAFCON
CIVIL ENGINEER ................................. RBF
STRUCTURAL ENGINEER ..................... KENNY LEE STRUCTURAL ENGINEERS/LPA
ELECTRICAL ENGINEER ....................... MICHAEL WALL ENGINEERING
MECHANICAL ENGINEER ..................... TK1SC
LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT ..................... LPA
FIRE PROTECTION ................................. TK1SC
KITCHEN DESIGN CONSULTANT .......... RW SMITH
CONSTRUCTION TIMEFRAME ........ SPRING 2006 - FALL 2007
PROJECT BUDGET .............................. $19.8 MILLION