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Encinitas replaces old fire station

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The city of Encinitas has a new emergency response center, as Fire Station No. 2 was recently unveiled and is now fully operational.

The new \$4.6 million fire station is 6,330 square feet with sloping, saw-tooth-looking rooflines and clerestory windows. It was designed to emulate the city's history of flower fields and greenhouses, and the poinsettia flower is represented graphically on the masonry wall.

Fire Station No. 2 was designed and built to achieve LEED Silver certification from the U.S. Green Building Council.

Some of the sustainable features include the use of regional building materials, a stormwater quality-control bioswale that removes silt and pollution from surface runoff water, and drought-tolerant land-scaping.

The roofs are sloped, with standing seam metal facing south to allow for optimal sun orientation. Between the masonry wall and sloping roof, clerestory windows are formed that allow for effective interior daylighting.

Other features include a freestanding hose-drying tower that is cylindrical and covered with perforated metal panels to enclose the hose-drying lift.

The design of the fire station also allows for the future installation of



Courtesy photo

The new Encinitas Fire Station No. 2, which serves some 60,000 residents, replaces a 1,600-square-foot facility dating back to 1960.

photovoltaic panels.

According to design firm domusstudio architecture, the building was designed to mitigate freeway noise with the use of a continuous decorative concrete masonry wall that fronts Interstate 5.

Construction of Fire Station No. 2 was completed by **Balfour Beatty**.

The new fire station houses one fire engine, a crew of three firefighters and two emergency medical personnel, and one ambulance.

Fire Station No. 2 was also built to

house three additional firefighters in times of need and offers space for public interaction, maintenance, training and fulfillment of daily living and working needs.

This fire station is replacing a 1,600-square-foot facility that was built in 1960.

The fire station had been serving the 60,000 Encinitas residents since January. In 2011, the Encinitas City Council approved construction of the new fire station.

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Exec gets probation in South Bay case

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Henry Amigable, a former executive at Seville Construction Services, was sentenced March 1 in San Diego Superior Court on a misdemeanor conviction related to the ongoing criminal corruption cases involving several South Bay-area school officials.

While the criminal proceedings for most of the defendants have yet to reach arraignment, Amigable's fate is now set.

Judge Michael Smyth ordered Amigable to serve three years' probation, in addition to a \$1,000 fine and 100 hours of community service for the former Seville senior vice president.

Charges number more than 200 for all defendants in the related cases and include the acceptance or delivery of what amount to bribes in exchange for the awarding of construction contracts.

Amigable was initially accused of felony charges. But in March 2012, he pleaded down to a misdemeanor for violating an education code that bars the offering of things of value to school board members.

Amigable's attorney, Daniel Greene of the Law Offices of Kerry

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