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Narrative:

(amenity name) is a magnificent recreation center which boasts over 6,500 sq. ft. of surface area, capitalizing on the stunning natural environment the property has to offer. It is nestled at the (resort name) which sits a top 640 acres of beautiful landscape and well maintained golf courses. Most (resort name) owners live in the Southern California making it an easy getaway destination. Once here, vacation owners and guests will enjoy (location), a colossal pool which holds 165,000 gallons of water featuring a gently sloping “Zero Entry” feature. The pool area also includes a large waterslide set into a rocky landscape, a splash pad, a grotto spa, a fire pit and cabanas equipped with LCD TVs, internet access, telephone and a ceiling fan.

Date design implemented: Project began in 2005 and after a few years of preparation, hard work and careful detail, (amenity name) opened on May 15, 2009. It has since been enjoyed by families throughout Southern California and beyond.

Project Location: (amenity and company name) is located in the (name of ) section of the (resrt name) and sits on 2.85 acres.

Target audience: intended consumer & marketplace: The target audiences are families, vacation owners and guests. With the splash pad for children which includes a captivator cosmic cannon, doughnut spray, geyser, misty mountain, kokospilli, mist stick, power post, sunny flower, sneaky soaker, wally whale body and a wally whale tail and a “Zero Edge” 165,000 gallon pool with a volleyball net set on one end of the pool, a 130ft in length 17.1 ft in height slide with a slow down lane surrounded by rock features, a grotto spa located on a lower elevation surrounded by rock features a second spa located at the far end of the pool deck near
the fire pit or enjoy a relaxing time in one of the cabanas that surround the 16,500 square feet of pool deck. There is something for everyone. The cabanas are equipped with Plasma TVs, ceiling fans, lights, chairs, internet access and telephone. Off the pool deck there are ping pong tables, a foosball table and an outside lounge with a large Plasma TV for guests to enjoy. With all these amenities and features (amenity name) is by far the most popular venue at the (resort name)

Outline scope of work and company’s specific responsibilities: (resort name) developed, designed and constructed this facility. We hired and oversaw the design contractors, consultants and design team and ran the project in house for entitlement to turn key.

Total number of units and total design budget/unit if applicable: The project totaled 3.5 million dollars to complete.

Design concept/theme: The design is based on modern mountain theme. The use of heavy timber construction, rock wainscot and stucco, provided the lodge look.

Specific cost or design constraints and how they were overcome: The design had to be approved by several sponsor groups in the surrounding area. Once the approval was achieved, the project had to be presented to the County of San Diego for approval as well. The major cost constraints were developing an EIR (Environmental Impact Report). It cost 6 million dollars and took 7 years to get approved. This process has to be achieved prior to any construction activities taking place on property. Another impact was the mitigations of Coastal Sage. This is endangered vegetation in Southern, California, to get the project approved (company name) had to dedicate
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13.5 acres of land to the County of San Diego as open space to mitigate the coastal sage that will be removed. Approval and all documents had to be in place prior to any construction.

Innovations in material use, budget matters that contributed to overall design enhancements, the use of materials and their compatibility with the environment as it relates to the function provided, or anything else that makes the project noteworthy: The setting of the facility is against the foothill of the mountain. The water feature constructed for the slide mirrors the outcropping of rocks. All paint colors used are earth tones matching the natural surrounding areas in their settings.

Describe how the project integrated architecture, interior design, technology and or natural systems to protect and enhance the environment by reducing environmental impacts. Specifically address energy-saving, energy-producing, waste-reducing, and how the project team made use of sustainable, renewal, and recyclable construction materials or programs guidelines or analysis during the design process such as LEED, Energy Star, BREEAM or others and if certification was pursued for this project. (Amenity Name) features the industry’s most advanced filtration system. All of its water features were designed to save energy (i.e. heat & electrical). The main pool design is a gutter system which allows the water from the pool to free flow into a storage tank prior to going through the filter system and allows any foreign materials to settle in the tank. With this system in place there is less costly down time in cleaning the filtration systems and is a more efficient system to run and operate. With all its amenities and features that (amenity name) has to offer, it also offers natural and amazing views overlooking the entire resort with spectacular golf course views.