



Chula Vista Bayfront Update Chula Vista City Council

Vice Chair Ann Moore



Chula Vista Bayfront Master Plan

Transformation in Progress – Phase 1





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Transformation in Progress – Phase 3





Unsolicited Proposal Overview



- Sports and hospitality concept affiliated with an elite professional athlete
- Complementary uses include:
 - Popstroke
 - Water Polo academy
 - Retail village and dining
 - Health and wellness facility
 - IMAX theatre
 - Multi-purpose stadium
 - Blue tech & aquaculture space
 - Parking

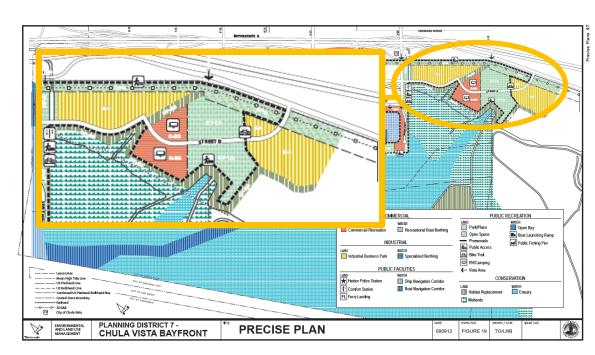




Port Master Plan – Chula Vista Bayfront

Project list for the 124-acre Otay District (Phase 3) includes:

- 237 space RV park (Commercial Recreation at 14 acres)
- Roadway and infrastructure improvements
- Wetland and upland habitat creation, restoration and enhancement (Telegraph Canyon Creek and no-touch buffers)
- 24-acre passive public park
- Two parcels designated Industrial Business Park (O-1 at 18 acres and O-4 at 28 acres)
- From CCC staff report: "No specific projects are proposed in the area designated Industrial Business Park, and future development projects in those areas would require a PMPA."





Recent Actions

1. Board of Port Commissioners received a presentation on July 15

- a. Considered Port Code and Board Policy surrounding unsolicited proposals.
- b. Considered relevant factors including:
 - Market demand/location
 - Unique project features
 - Strength of development team
 - Time and resource savings.

2. Board voted unanimously to:

- a. Adopt a resolution waiving the requirement for a competitive process pursuant to Board of Port Commissioners Policy No. 360; and
- b. Adopt a resolution authorizing staff to negotiate and enter into a six (6) month Exclusive Negotiating Agreement (ENA) with The McGarey Group.



What the ENA is Not

- It is NOT a Development Agreement.
- It is NOT a Lease of Port land.
- It is NOT a Financing Agreement.
- It is NOT a formal CEQA review.
- It is NOT a Funding Commitment by the Port.
- It is NOT a "Deal."

The ENA is an opportunity for preliminary discussions and negotiations and additional study, evaluation and advancement of its concepts.



Next Steps

1. Negotiate and Enter into 6-Month ENA with Developer

- a. Confirm agreement between elite professional athlete and developer
- b. Prepare market study for primary and adjacent uses
- c. Confirm the need for geographic exclusivity based on market study
- d. Explore project description/understand adjacent uses
- e. Outline preliminary development/entitlement approach
- f. Negotiate labor agreements
- g. Develop public outreach plan
- h. Develop community benefits plan
- i. Conduct outreach to CVB stakeholders, City of Chula Vista, WAG and public
- 2. District to engage in preliminary discussion with State Lands during ENA
- 3. Report to Board at a future Open Session meeting.





Introduction



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Tucker Sadler Architects, a nationally certified minorityowned, and small business enterprise, is based in San Diego with a six-decade legacy of delivering complex, high-profile projects across the U.S. and abroad. Known for inclusive design and deep community engagement, Tucker Sadler fosters trust and collaboration among diverse stakeholders to create vibrant public spaces rooted in community pride. The firm's portfolio spans every building type and sector, with a longstanding reputation for quality, accountability, and lasting client relationships.

A World Class Team









Ka Makana Ali'i Shopping Center

Virginia Beach Town Center

Gallery Place

Atlantic Station

Desert Ridge Marketplace

Modelo Mixed Use Development

Hanover Broadway Retail

Manchester Pacific Gateway

Harbor Park at Cabrillo Way

Bryant Street Pier Development

Glendale, AZ

West Oahu, HI

Virginia Beach, VA

Washinton, DC

Atlanta, GA

Phoenix, AZ

Commerce, CA

Oakland, CA

San Diego, CA

San Pedro, CA

San Francisco, CA







Westgate Entertainment District

Westgate Entertainment District turned former agricultural fields into a vibrant, high-density mixed-use district. Today, it's a dynamic hub of light, sound, and energy—anchoring Glendale's sports, retail, and entertainment scene.

Anchored by a Multi-Purpose arena and a 30-screen theater, the Entertainment District features:

- Six 15-story office towers
- Three hotels
- Six 10-story residential/retail lofts
- Expansive event lawns

- 223 Acres at full build out
- **8 million SF** of retail, residential, hotel, and office space
- 612,000 SF multi-purpose arena
- 1.7 million SF stadium
- **78,000 SF** theater and arts center









A Global Destination

- Destination hub for sport, waterfront vitality, and Chula Vista pride -- a unique convergence of culture, community, and coast.
- Latinx and cross-border culture embedded throughout retail, dining, and gathering spaces reflect regional identity.
- Capturing demand from the 7.1M-strong Cali-Baja Region -- a magnetic draw for a vibrant, binational audience.





















The Rise of Racket Sports in North America

- Racket Sports have seen explosive growth across North America, with participation surging by double and even triple digits for four consecutive years.
- Pickleball has now surpassed 19 million players in the U.S., solidifying its title as fastest growing sport in America.
- Tennis participation in the U.S has grown by 34% since 2019, rising from 17.7 million players to over 25.7 million in 2024.

A Destination for All

- Inclusive design throughout the site Universal accessibility ensures ease of use for individuals of all physical abilities.
- Accessible athletics for all ages with affordable access to professional grade sports education.
- Programs for underserved & at-risk youth -- Sports and mentorship opportunities for local youth, including those with disabilities.
- **Health and wellness education** Integrated programs focused on physical fitness, nutrition, and mental well-being for all ages.













Regional Community Benefits

Job creation at every level – From construction to operations, the project creates meaningful employment across the San Diego region.

Commitment to union labor – The Development team has signed an MOU with regional unions and looks forward to negotiating Project Labor Agreements (PLA).

Regional economic boost - Drives year-round activity through new restaurants, retail, events, and recreation.

Stewardship of the waterfront – Revives an underutilized shoreline with lasting public access, ecological care, and year-round activation.

Opportunities for Sports Scholarship Programs – Supports pathways to higher education through athletic excellence.

Wide range of certification programs: Yoga, Fitness, Nutrition, Lifeguard, Management, Operations, and more.

Educational Programs for Regional K-12 and Higher Education through partnerships with the sports programs, theater, and wellness center

Local, Regional, and International Tournaments – Attracts visitors and strengthens Chula Vista's role as a global sports destination.







South Bay Community Benefits

- **64.9 acres of open space (51% of the site)** Prioritizes nature, walkability, and gathering spaces throughout the development.
- **Community outreach and engagement** Ensures South Bay residents are directly and actively involved in wellness programs, sports, cultural events, and activities across the property.
- **Discounted rates for the South Bay community** Ensures affordability and equitable access to facilities and programs.
- Exposure to new sports and experiences Introduces youth and families to a range of sports they might not otherwise access.
 - Water Polo, Swimming, Tennis, Golf, Padel Ball
 - Additional playing fields for Soccer, Rugby, Lacrosse, Baseball
- Inclusion of local artisans, merchants, and retailers Showcases South Bay's unique culture and supports small business growth.
- Reconnect the South Bay community to the waterfront –
 creates new public spaces and waterfront access for the community.









LOCALLY APPROVED LAND USE DEVELOPMENT PLAN CITY OF CHULA VISTA & PORT OF SAN DIEGO

Source: www.portofsandiego.org



PROPOSED LAND USE DEVELOPMENT PLAN

- 2,828,105 / 64.9 ACRES OF OPEN AREA (INCLUDES ACTIVE, PASSIVE, BUFFER AND PUBLIC ZONES)
- 300,00 SF RETAIL / CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT
- 1,418,000 SF SPORTS/ WELLNESS DEVELOPMENT (INCLUDES POPSTROKE, WATERPOLO, TENNIS, SOCCER AND SPORTS WELLNESS)
- 722,970 SF HOTELS
- 464,250 SF OFFICES / BUSINESS ZONE



DEVELOPMENT LEGEND



PEDESTRIAN PLAZA

LATIN QUARTER RETAIL WITH HOTEL ABOVE

ANCHOR RETAIL

PARAGON ENTERTAINMENT

PARKING STRUCTURE

- POP STROKE
- G VIEWING THEATRE
- VALET DROP-OFF
- HOTEL 1
- HOTEL 2
- K CENTRAL TENNIS COURT
- TICKET CENTRE & GUEST SERVICES
- M LARGE MATCH COURTS 3
- N SMALL MATCH COURTS 6
- 9 HARD COURTS PRACTICE

- 7 CLAY COURTS PRACTICE
- **3 PICKLE BALL COURTS**
- **6 PADEL BALL COURTS**
- **WELLNESS CENTRE & SPORTS RETAIL**
- 6-8 WATER POLO ACADEMY MAIN POOL

PHASE 2

VIEWING DECK & RESTAURANT/ CONFERENCE CENTER

RECREATIONAL LAP POOL

BEACH AREA

WATERPOLO SECONDARY POOLS - 2

- A1 SOCCER/MULTIPURPOSE STADIUM & ENTERTAINMENT
- B1 BLUE TECH OFFICE
- SOCCER/COMMUNITY PRACTICE & EVENT FIELDS







ZONE CLASSIFICATION

ACTIVE OPEN SPACE (SOCCER PRACTICE ZONE) - 9.3 ACRES/405,771 SF

ACTIVE OPEN SPACE (TENNIS ZONE) - 11.4 ACRES/497,354 SF

ACTIVE OPEN SPACE (POPSTROKE ZONE) - 1.5 ACRES/66,436 SF



BUFFER ZONE - 22.9 ACRES/999,362 SF



PASSIVE OPEN ZONE - 10.9 ACRES/ 473,522 SF



PUBLIC PLAZA - 8.9 ACRES / 385,660 SF

TOTAL SITE AREA - 126.3 ACRES/5,500,274 SF

TOTAL OPEN AREA - 64.9 ACRES/2,828,105 SF

TOTAL PEDESTRIAN WALKWAY DISTANCE - 2.3 MILES





Built-In Environmental Protections

- 22.9-acre "No Touch Buffer" (Lot OP-2A): Native habitat restoration planned to offset impacts and enhance ecosystem function
- 100-foot buffer zones maintained from Wildlife Refuge and J Street Marsh
- No public access to buffer areas
- Bird-strike mitigation through downward-shielded lighting, non-reflective building design, and glass articulation
- Only native plants in buffers and restoration areas
- No trees in or near buffers to prevent raptor perching/nesting

















Retail / Entertainment Aerial View



Incorporating the Big Idea

During the Exclusive Negotiation Agreement (ENA) process, the Development Team will:

- Enter into an ENA with the Port of San Diego
- Negotiate Project Labor Agreements (PLAs) with the Unions
- Identify key partners in the development
- Develop public outreach participation plan
- Develop community benefits plan

