

## **PUBLIC BEACH LIFEGUARD TOWER AND SERVICE BUILDING**

This project will improve the public safety of those visiting the Coronado public beach by providing a new lifeguard tower and service building. It also provides additional restrooms at Ocean Drive (near Sunset Park) for beach patrons.

The new tower replaced the existing tower which was condemned due to structural damage suffered over years of saltwater exposure. The new tower is the same height and profile on the upper two floors as the previous building. Based on public input, the tower is an octagon shape to enhance its appearance. The lower floor was expanded to provide a new first-aid room to meet health requirements. The building was completed in January 2008.

The project also consists of a restroom building located behind the rock wall at the end of Ocean Drive. This building is clad with rocks to blend into the existing rock wall. The restroom provides much-needed facilities to those attending the beach, as well as improving the quality of the beach environment. The building was completed in July 2007.

The service building currently under construction will store one lifeguard truck and various water rescue equipment on the beach to improve response time for rescues. At this time, some vehicles and equipment are parked at the Police facility, several blocks from the beach. In the event of an emergency, the guards will have a central area to gather, evaluate the situation and have resources immediately available on the beach to meet any safety situation. The building will also provide locker rooms and showers for the staff. This building will be located west of the Central Beach restrooms and adjacent to the rocks to minimize its appearance to pedestrians and residents on Ocean Boulevard. The exterior walls will be faced with rocks to match the existing Central Beach Restroom.

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