



Waterslide Park

SANTA CLARA COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS, SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA

Findings presented to the Board showed that the project had strong local market support, the proposed site could accommodate all required facilities and that the project had a favorable financial summary.

A private development proposal for the development of a waterslide park on a vacant parcel of the Santa Clara County Fairgrounds. The design called to the construction of 10 flumes on a man-made hill including 3 main slides, 2 intermediate slides, 1 kids slide, 2 drop off slides, 1 river ride and 1 ramp slide. Waterslide flumes terminated at a series of pools surrounded by sundecks and open turf areas intended for informal gatherings. Accessory structures included customer service and mechanical. The 6,000 square foot customer service building provided facilities for a concessionaire, dry storage, changing, a video arcade, ticket sales, staff, office use and a manager's apartment. Landscape elements were of prime importance in establishing the overall thematic character of the park. Formal tree plantings in plazas and roadways were used to define spaces and

reinforce pedestrian and vehicular movement patterns. Picnic / viewing areas were planted in a more informal manner to provide a mixture of sun and shade. Turf was utilized as the groundcover of choice to allow unencumbered access and sunbathing opportunities. Deciduous trees were specified, where appropriate, to ensure solar access during the early and late operating season of the park.

